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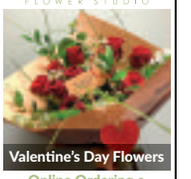
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Motorcyclist killed in early morning crash

TRIBUTES have been paid to a motorcyclist who was killed in an early morning crash in Barry this week.

Grant Kerton, aged 33, died after the single-vehicle collision on the Barry Docks Link Road just after 4am on February 3.

Mr Kerton, known to many as Pants, leaves behind his 10-year-old son Liam, sisters Becky and Louise, parents Karen and Martyn and step-parents Gethin and Jude.

His family said: "Grant, or Pants as everyone knew him, was full of life and everyone loved him.

"He was always the heart and soul to his family and friends, always smiling and joking around.

"He was kind and generous to all and would do anything for anybody."

The family added: "Grant adored his son Liam and he worked really hard to ensure they could have as many good times together as possible.

"He loved spending time with Liam, walking his dog Thor and, as an experienced motorcyclist, he loved being out on his bike.

"Grant always lived life to the full, and was always with a smile on his face ready to make everyone laugh. As a family, we will cherish all the great times we shared with him.

"We are absolutely devastated and heartbroken by Grant's death and we ask that we be left in peace to grieve and begin to come to terms with our loss."

South Wales Police is continuing to investigate the collision and anyone with information should call officers on 101 quoting 2000040814.

Two men, aged 26 and 35, who were arrested at the scene of the collision have been released under investigation.

ABOVE: Grant Kerton, aged 33, was killed in Monday morning's crash. Photo supplied by South Wales Police.

Nurse wins national Marie Curie award

NURSE Sam Clements has won a national award for the care he provides to those living with a terminal illness, at an awards ceremony in London.

Sam Clements, Outpatients & Day Therapy Nurse Manager at the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, won in the innovation category, recognising his launch of an Advanced Care Planning Café at the hospice.

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Make a home for nature

NATIONAL Nest Box Week starts on St Valentine's day every year.

Please show your love for Nature by buying or making a home for our wildlife and perhaps even leaving a special Valentine's message on the outside for your own loved one!

You can choose from nest boxes for birds or roost boxes for bats, or even dormice and hedgehog homes... the choice is yours.

Sadly, over the last 50 years we have 'tidied up' and removed dead or dying trees from our parks and open spaces and also covered our homes with PVC, which has removed the holes and cracks where wildlife once called home.

But whatever wildlife box you choose, please make sure it is made from sustainably sourced wood and has been soundly put together to ensure it can provide a safe and dry home for years to come.

Rob Curtis, Barry Action for Nature

'Assembly needs change management'

SADLY, we are still seeing a lot of animosity about Britain leaving the EU in the media.

We need, as a country, to move on; and to do this, those people whose vote formed the minority opinion, including Mark Drakeford and his bunch in the Assembly need to look at change management – Brexit is happening.

One model is called SARAH, in which the initial stage of change is Shock.

Next comes Anger, followed by Resistance. This is what we still see in the Assembly from those who cannot believe that Wales, as a country, voted to leave the EU.

To bring together our fragmented country, this situation needs to move on. Brexit is happening, and those who would rather this not be so should be at least now moving to the Acceptance stage.

Only this way can these people move forwards, towards the final stage of the SARAH change management model – that of Healing/Hope.

I like to think of this as 'Help'.

As the new coin says, no matter what your opinion on Brexit, I'm sure that we all want 'Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations.'

Only this way can Britain heal and go forwards as we all want it to.

Our Assembly Members should be now looking at positive outcomes from Brexit for Wales, rather than remaining stuck in the Resistance phase of this change. If not, they should step aside for people with a more positive outlook.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

Veganuary: 'base your dietary choices on the real facts'

IN reply to Mr Huntley's letter of January 23 Matthew Glover, who created Veganuary in 2014, stated that farmers and vegans had much in common, such as a love of nature.

Both sides need to work together to solve the problems facing the climate.

I understand why people directly involved in the declining livestock industry react against Veganuary, which they may well see as a threat, responding with multimillion pound advertising campaigns.

The NHS and the British Dietetic Association state that a carefully considered vegan diet provides all the nutrients required for a healthy balanced diet. Venus Williams, Lewis Hamilton, Tom Brady and Novak Djokovic among others have all recognised the benefits of a vegan diet.

Deforestation causes include logging, livestock and crop production; 60% of global biodiversity loss is down to meat based diets (WWF).

Almond milk is an interesting example of water use. In its production, a cup of it uses 38 litres of water whereas a cup of cow's milk uses 242.

A higher percentage of UK crop land is used for animal feed than for direct human consumption.

It was reported in 2018 that 37% of supplementary animal feeds are imported into the UK and local farmers have used barley to fatten cattle.

Choosing locally produced food will reduce food miles. Unfortunately, food miles also include the export of products which needs to be taken into consideration.

In the UK, Welsh food is produced to high standards and Welsh meat has the lowest carbon footprint in the UK, when compared to other meat production, but remember that fruit and vegetables are also produced locally.

I became vegan in 1996; for me the ethical and environmental considerations are important. Study the scientific evidence on both sides of the argument and make up your own mind – I did.

Dave Breen, Cowbridge.

Parking... for some

I HAD thought the 'yellow line' parking restrictions at Middlegate Court, Cowbridge, were for a safety reason: ie to prevent vehicles parking on a bend and severely curtailing visibility for other road users.

Silly me! I now realise that the yellow lines are to ensure that multiple Vale of Glamorgan Council large vehicles have somewhere to park when the operatives have their breaks.

S Monaghan, Cowbridge.

Tracing a Bridgend relative

I NEED some help in finding relatives of a Janice Margaret Burtenshaw (nee Perkins) born 1945 in Bridgend; she died in Oxford in 1994.

I believe her remains may have been taken to Bridgend and I am looking for a place of remembrance for her, there as well as in Oxford. Janice is part of the Perkins family: her father was Donald Perkins (1909–1995) at Bridgend (Ogwr). His wife was Priscilla M Tuner (1912–1986) Bridgend (Ogwr). I know Janice lived in Broad Oak Farm in Oxford; Michael David Burtenshaw was her husband, from whom she may have been divorced: born in Tonbridge Kent, 1945 and died in Abingdon, Oxford 1999.

I have found a reference to Michael at the crematorium in Oxford, but they have only that the remains were collected from the crematorium by the undertakers Reeves and Pain of Abingdon Road, Oxford; I am looking for a place of remembrance for him.

I have been researching this information for some years, so I am asking for help now. I have been using Ancestry. Thank you for your help.

Stephen Charles Cross, Flat 3, The Wedge, Vernon Road, Basford, Nottingham NG6 0AU Mobile 07818 568 276p; email stephen.cross13@hotmail.com.

Grateful thanks to those who helped

MY wife recently fell in the Waitrose car park, fracturing the bone in her upper left arm.

A number of people immediately came to her help, including Waitrose staff.

Would you please through The GEM, on behalf of my wife and myself, allow us to express our grateful thanks to Waitrose staff and other members of the public for their great concern and help.

In particular, we would commend the professionalism of the Waitrose staff.

I had been in the store shopping at the time this happened and we cannot thank Waitrose staff enough for their concern both for my wife's injury and helping me finish the shopping, by taking it to our car.

We were greatly impressed by their caring commitment – thank you one and all.

My wife is now making a slow (and painful!) recovery.

N and A Lewis, Cowbridge.

'Councillor should do the decent thing'

I REFER to the recent story regarding the spat between our legally elected representative MP Alun Cairns and the unelected council leader Neil Moore.

Mr Cairns rightly asked the council to make a decision on parking charges, so as to put any uncertainty to bed. He also stated that the council should scrap the plans to introduce any parking charges to put local traders at ease.

Any charges put in now will probably kill off town centres, as people would rather go to out of town shopping centres where parking is free.

Mr Cairns made valid points in his arguments to scrap any idea of slapping parking charges on the people, but then our unelected council leader Neil Moore stated that Mr Cairns was once again interfering with the work of the council, where he has no responsibility.

That's a bit rich coming from a councillor whose party was at the last election kicked out of office by the people, and Mr Moore only just got in by the skin of his teeth.

Mr Moore has no mandate from the people to make any decisions on anything – the way he got to lead the Vale Council is nothing short of a disgrace. Those Tory councillors who jumped ship should go back to the people. I did not vote for Mr Moore then, and I most certainly would not vote for him now, so he should do the decent thing.

If my memory serves me right, the people voted against parking charges during the consultation process.

D J Radford, Barry.

One size does not fit all when arranging waste collection

AREAS such as Ystradwaun in Pencoed have livestock roaming across the common. This results in rubbish, recycling and food waste being strewn across the area every week prior to and after collection.

Bridgend County Borough Council are yet to acknowledge the problem and have blamed residents for not sorting waste correctly, and reported horses to 'public protection', among other excuses!

What is needed is a consultation with residents to work through the problem and agree a way of secure storage of waste for collection each week.

As a Keep Wales Tidy volunteer I am fed up with spending at least half an hour a week since April 2019 tidying the mess from inadequate waste management.

'Common on', BCBC – take accountability and sort this out!

Stuart Bain, Pencoed.

'Grim state of bus stops'

I WAS heartened to see the letter from another Barry resident about the grim state of many bus stops in the town.

I too have sent complaints to the council, with no response. If we want to promote public transport, then having decent, clean and informative bus stops should surely be a priority?

Margaret Sherborne, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL FEBRUARY 13

Date	Time	Height (metres)
06/02/2020	03.53	8.2
06/02/2020	16.22	8.5
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08/02/2020	05.42	9.3
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09/02/2020	18.55	10.1
10/02/2020	07.14	10.3
10/02/2020	19.41	10.4
11/02/2020	07.58	10.5
11/02/2020	20.22	10.5
12/02/2020	08.44	10.6
12/02/2020	21.06	10.4
13/02/2020	09.27	10.2
13/02/2020	21.49	10.0

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Vale MP accused of 'interfering and scaremongering'

ACCUSATIONS of "interfering and scaremongering" have been lodged against Vale of Glamorgan MP Alun Cairns after he voiced his opinion on the local authority's town centre car parking proposals.

Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Neil Moore, hit out at the member of parliament this week after Mr Cairns claimed the authority wasn't going to consider a parking report – despite promising to do so.

He said the council's delay at looking at the report – which was expected to recommend charging motorists to park in the area's town centres – raised questions over whether the council was going to spike the plans or not.

Mr Cairns, an avid campaigner against town centre charges, said charges would be another nail in the coffin for town centres and called on the council to confirm its position.

He insisted the council should not "dither or delay" on making a decision to put local businesses at ease.

But Cllr Moore urged Mr Cairns to stop focusing on photo opportunities and trying to get into the newspapers and instead "turn his attention to actually doing what he is paid for."

He told the Glamorgan GEM: "Mr Cairns is once again interfering with the work of this council, where he has absolutely no responsibility.

"It Is also a disgrace that he continues to pretend he has an influence over decisions the Vale of Glamorgan Council makes and continues to promote himself, as someone who has been at the forefront of projects and regeneration carried out by the council, when he has not."

Cllr Moore said: "The MP now claims that the Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet was to discuss the potential car parking charges this month.

"Where this has come from I have no idea, as it isn't on the cabinet work programme. What I have said is that I would bring it forward in 2020 and I will do so, but only when we have a proposal that addresses all issues!

"Mr Cairns claims that the council will recommend the introduction of car parking charges across the Vale.

"He has no knowledge of what will or won't be proposed and he is simply scaremongering.

"His comments are 'rich' coming from an MP who has supported the reductions in public services' budgets, imposed by his Conservative Government. Using his Prime Minister 'Brexit' soundbite, he also claims that this administration has dithered and delayed, when it has not!"

The leader added: "There isn't a simple solution to car parking and to suggest otherwise is disingenuous.

"We know that availability of adequate car parking can seriously affect the success of local businesses, which is why last May we announced that there would be no on-street parking charges in the Vale.

"That commitment stands and we are now exploring options for best use of our car parks.

"Our first port of call to discuss those proposals will be with local businesses and certainly not Mr Cairns.

"We categorically recognise the importance of our town centres, which is why we have a wide range of events and initiatives to support them, rather than just using them for publicity photos, as the MP does.

"I suggest that Mr Cairns' continuous unfounded press releases and photo opportunities are totally unconnected to his actual job.

"I would suggest our local MP turns his attention to actually doing what he's paid for. Perhaps, an example might be that Mr Cairns should concentrate on helping the public sector, as we have been hit by 10 years of massive austerity imposed by his Government and not denigrating local government."

Mr Cairns said: "Businesses across the Vale are terrified about car parking charges. My priority is to support those at risk and their customers and I will make no apology for doing so.

"Vale councillors and officers have been obsessed for years over introducing car parking charges but have backed down on public reaction each time.

"We all know they kill town centres, at a time when retail businesses are under pressure from internet competitors. Last year they said that they would consider the issue in January. We're now in February and it's about time that they made a statement to put local shopkeepers and their customers at ease.

"In terms of finance, I secured a settlement where Wales receives £120 for every £100 spent in England. A fair funding settlement means that we shouldn't have to pay to park in the Vale."

ABOVE: Vale of Glamorgan MP Alun Cairns.

LEFT: Vale of Glamorgan Council leader Neil Moore.

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Smirking motorist who led police on high-speed chase avoids jail

A SMIRKING driver from Barry who sped towards oncoming traffic on the wrong side of a dual carriageway while leading police on a high-speed pursuit in the Bridgend area has narrowly avoided jail.

Officers from the roads policing unit passed a parked Volkswagen Golf on Ewenny Road during the evening of November 9 last year.

The car – driven by 19-year-old Thomas Haysham – sped off as the police car neared, and failed to stop once its blue lights were activated.

Haysham picked up speed as he headed towards the A48, hitting 60mph along the residential Park Street and 90mph as he neared the junction for Broadlands.

In a desperate attempt to evade police, he then joined the wrong carriageway of the A48, causing oncoming traffic to switch lanes to avoid a crash.

As officers attempted to use their vehicles to force him to stop before joining the M4, Haysham crashed his car into a police vehicle before continuing on his reckless journey.

When he finally came to a forced stop on the slip-road to the M4, Haysham and his passengers were caught on body-worn video laughing and smirking.

The driver and his two passengers were arrested, and Haysham, from Barry, was subsequently charged with dangerous driving, driving other than in accordance with a licence and driving without insurance.

He pleaded guilty to the charges at an earlier hearing and was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court on January 29.

Haysham was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for 18 months. He was also handed a two-year driving ban and must also carry out 200 hours on unpaid work.

PC Liam Buttle, an officer in the case, said after the court hearing: "Thomas Haysham's actions that night were nothing short of reckless and irresponsible.

"He clearly panicked at the sight of a police car and responded in a manner which put not only himself and his passengers at serious risk, but also other motorists and pedestrians."

He added: "It was extremely fortunate that no-one was injured as a result of his dangerous driving and I hope that the judicial process and resulting sentence has afforded Haysham an opportunity to reflect on his sheer stupidity, and that he no longer views the incident as a laughing matter."

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Appeal to find missing woman

POLICE are continuing to appeal for help in a bid to find a missing woman, whose car was found abandoned on the Prince of Wales Bridge.

Officers began a search for 45-year-old Shani Coates, who is from Barry on Tuesday, January 28 after her silver Renault Megane was found on the eastbound carriageway of the bridge at around 9.30am.

A series of enquiries are underway and HM Coastguard have also been conducting searches in the area.

A police spokesman said: "Concern is growing for Shani's welfare and anyone with information which could assist officers is asked to contact 101, quoting reference 2000033364.

"We would particularly like to hear from anyone who believes they saw the car being left, or who has dashcam footage which may be of relevance.

"Shani is also urged to make contact if she sees this appeal, to confirm she is safe and well."

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(GLAMORGAN STREET (PART) AND SALISBURY ROAD (PART) BARRY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2020

1. On 6th February 2020 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Glamorgan Street (Part) Barry) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2020 and will come into force on 10th February 2020.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location 1: The road to be closed is Glamorgan Street Barry from its junction with Victoria Road to its junction with Salisbury Road
Location 2: Salisbury Road from its junction with Vale Street to its junction with Dunraven Street also lane between 49 + 51 Salisbury Road
Reason: To allow for Welsh Water main sewer works to be undertaken.
Duration: From 7.00am on Monday 10th February 2020 until 6.00pm on Monday 23rd March 2020.
Alt. Route: Local signed diversions will be in place.
NB: Pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

Dated this 6th day of February 2020
Director of Environment & Housing
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Welsh water at local school

WELSH Water attended Ysgol Sant Curig this week to provide a workshop on the water cycle and the cost of using – and over-using – water.

The school Eco Council are going to take the points onboard to save money and water for the school. An important lesson!

Top tips: Don't leave the tap running when brushing your teeth, and wait until you have a full load before doing your washing.

CROESAWYD Dŵr Cymru i Ysgol Sant Curig yr wythnos hon i gynnal gweithdy ar gylchrediad dŵr a'r gost o ddefnyddio a gor-ddefnyddio dŵr.

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Arhoswch nes bod gennych lwyth llawn cyn golchi.

Invite to Dinas Powys surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to a free coffee morning organised by Plaid Cymru Dinas Powys community councillors on Saturday, February 8, 11am to 12.30pm at Dinas Powys Community Centre, (CF64 4AQ).

There is a great deal happening in the community and the Plaid Cymru Community Councillors want to hear people's views. Cllr Chris Franks said: "We value discussing matters with residents. If they have issues that they need to raise we are delighted to make representations on their behalf."

Alternatively contact *familyfranks@btinternet.com* or mobile 07725 497423.

‘Bizarre’ swimming postcode lottery exposed

ABOVE: Cllr Leighton Rowlands, left, with MP Alun Cairns at Barry Leisure Centre.

VALE MP Alun Cairns and Conservative councillors have highlighted the bizarre new rules taken up by the Vale Council which determine the qualification for free swimming.

Until recently, Barry residents over the age of 60 qualified for equal amounts of free swimming at Barry Leisure Centre.

However, entitlement to free swimming now depends on the postcode residents fall under.

Those living within CF63 are permitted to free swims from 1pm to 3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. In contrast, people living within the CF62 postcode are only allowed to swim between 1pm and 3pm on Wednesday.

Mr Cairns said: “I find it shocking that the Vale Council are splitting people in this way, which appears to be deeply unfair. They are splitting a community, with some people entitled to just a fraction of what their neighbours are. The council really needs to take another look at this.”

Cllr Leighton Rowlands said: “The new approach is deeply disappointing; the council is promoting an active and healthy Vale as part of their corporate plan but then restricting when people can go swimming using postcodes. The council have said they are required to deliver free swimming to those areas that have the greatest levels of deprivation. However, deprivation can exist in different areas including in the CF62 postcode. Clearly this policy is for the few and not the many.”

A Vale of Glamorgan Council spokesperson said: “Unfortunately, our leisure centre management partners legacy Leisure have had to reduce our free swimming provision for senior citizens after Welsh Government cut funding in this area by 50 per cent.

“New Welsh Government guidelines require the Council focus on deprived areas when offering the opportunity to swim for free and, in an effort to avoid the stigma of singling out individuals, we have made this available to the whole population within certain wards. The full scheme is also open to any senior citizen who is receipt of Housing benefit regardless of where they live in the Vale.

“Regrettably, this decrease in funding means that some senior citizens can now swim only once a week for free, but, should Welsh Government reinstate the grant, we would happily return to the old arrangement.”

Primary school gets cash boost for eco lodge

BARRY Island Primary School is a step closer to building an all-weather eco lodge after the PTA received a financial boost from a local housebuilder.

The PTA was handed £1,000 by Persimmon Homes East Wales as part of its Community Champions scheme. Each month the housebuilder donates up to £1,000 each to two groups or individuals.

The school garden is an integral part of children’s lessons where they learn about the environment and social responsibility. The new lodge will mean that lessons will go ahead without disruption from the weather and will cost £6,500, of which £3,000 has already been raised. As well as lessons, the lodge will be used to strengthen ties with the local community by hosting events. Coffee mornings, reading clubs and open garden days will all be staged in the lodge, which will be built using recyclable materials.

Caroline Harris, PTA secretary, said: “The school hopes the lodge will become a focal point, encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds in the community to meet and build relations. A £1,000 donation is fantastic as it will enable us to make a start on the groundworks.

“We are extremely thankful to Persimmon Homes East Wales.” Victoria Williams, sales director for Persimmon Homes said: “We are delighted to support Barry Island Primary School PTA. The school PTA has already done so well to raise £3,000. We hope our donation takes them a step closer to make the new eco lodge a reality.”

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Investigation underway after burglary

POLICE are investigating a burglary at a property in Penarth between midnight and 7.30am on Friday, January 24.

A burglar gained entry into the property and stole the homeowner’s car and a string of personal items including clothing and a child’s scooter.

Police arrested a man in connection with the incident and he has been released under investigation.

Officers are appealing for anyone who has been offered the stolen items for sale to contact them.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting 28250, email PublicServiceCentre@south-wales.pnn.police.uk or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

To see all of the images released by police visit the South Wales Police Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan Facebook page.

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Cowbridge Art Society

TODAY (February 6) a change to the scheduled programme: a demonstration of painting a portrait in oils by Raglan artist Mike Skidmore.

The following week we will have Pembrokeshire artist Guy Manning who will demonstrate a foxgloves landscape in acrylics. The society meets in the Old Hall from 7pm - 9pm on Thursday evenings, mostly demonstrations. New members, painters, non-painters and visitors are most welcome; details of this term’s programme in the foyer of the Old Hall, Cowbridge. See facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

Bridgend Writers at Carnegie House

THE Bridgend Writers Circle are hosting a script-writing evening tonight (February 6) at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend from 7pm.

Help turn your novel/short story/idea into a script for radio/TV/film. Prospective members welcome.

Chatty Cafe

A FRIENDLY natter over a cup of tea takes place at Llantwit Major library on Saturday, February 8 from 11.30am-12.30pm; everyone is welcome.

Ward Councillors’ surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Gibbonsdown and Colcot Wards, Margaret Wilkinson, Julie Aviet and Jack Hawkins, will hold an advice surgery on February 8 between 10am and 11am at the Master Mariner Pub, Skomer Road, Barry, CF62 9DA.

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Young chefs turn up the heat

Young Chef Vale regional finalists (left to right) Caitlin Bowman, Ruby Cook, Rosie King, Wayne Morgan, Amelie Deere, Neve Riddick and Pippa Hinkin Evans.

SIX young chefs from Cowbridge and Llantwit Major cooked up a storm when they faced off for the exciting Vale regional final of the Rotary International Young Chef Competition 2020.

The battle of baking and creative cookery skills was hosted at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, with the young finalists facing a challenging task of preparing and presenting a three course meal for two people in just under two hours, and all with ingredients costing under £20.

At stake were a place in the south Wales final of the international competition, and a chance to make it through to national finals and win a trip to Italy to meet some of the world's top chefs.

Vale finals competitors were Ruby Cook and Caitlin Bowman of Stanwell School, Penarth; Pippa Hinkin Evans and Neve Riddick of Cowbridge Comprehensive, and Rosie King and Amelie Deere of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

The heat was certainly on in the kitchen as the young chefs displayed exceptional culinary genius and, after plenty of enjoyable tasting and much deliberation, the overall winner was announced as Neve Riddick, with her menu of chicken satay, followed by teriyaki salmon with broccoli, carrots and rice, and a delicious dessert of profiteroles with assorted toppings.

Close runner-up was Amelie Deere, with her menu of onion tart, haddock goujons with hand–cut chips and peas followed by a dessert of ginger cake with a cream topping.

Certificates and prizes were presented by Wayne Morgan, South Wales Rotary assistant governor.

Neve will compete in the Southern Wales Final at Ysgol Calon Cymru in Builth Wells on February 5.

The competition judges, Sîan Whitefield and Samantha Morgan said: "All the competitors showed a very high standard of cooking skills that would do justice to a professional kitchen. It is wonderful to see such talented young chefs."

Rotary Clubs in the Vale would like to thank Arboreal of Cowbridge for helping with the judging and for supporting the winner. Special thanks also to Cowbridge Comprehensive School Design and Technology teacher Nathalie Christopher for hosting this year's competition.

If you would like to know more about Rotary International and its Youth Programmes, contact Rotary on email at membership@cowbridge.rotary1150.org.

Beacon brazier returned to cliff top

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council has reinstated a popular Penarth landmark by returning the beacon brazier to the town's cliff top.

Installed in 1992 to mark the unity of Europe, the beacon was lit for special occasions such as millennium celebrations and the Queen's jubilee. It fell down in bad weather five years ago and could not be re-erected as the upright post had rotted beneath the ground.

The council has now produced a new timber pole for the beacon. Cllr Peter King said: "I'm delighted the beacon is once again standing on the cliff top at Penarth.

"This was a symbol of community celebration when lit for noteworthy occasions. Hopefully it can mark many more such events over the coming years."

Meet your Assembly Member

Assembly Member Jane Hutt talks climate change in her monthly column for the Glamorgan GEM

IT was heartening to see so many volunteers supporting Barry Action for Nature when I joined them on January 25 to help plant 16 fruit trees and place 10 bird nest boxes on the trees in the Parade Gardens, Barry.

The tree planting was supported by Barry Town Council and the eco-friendly Green Housekeeping Company who donated the trees and joined the volunteers on the day. Businesses across the Vale are keen to support these environmental initiatives in partnership with the public and voluntary sectors.

Barry Action for Nature has a growing membership with people joining volunteer teams to plant trees in green spaces across Barry with the support of Keep Wales Tidy and the Vale of Glamorgan Council Parks Department.

Plant Llantwit has similar goals and plans engaging local people in these activities helping to plant more than 500 trees last November.

Planting and growing trees will suck damaging pollutants and carbon from the atmosphere and help regenerate soils and clean water in our rivers to protect us against flooding.

The First Minister Mark Drakeford AM has called for 'collective action we have not seen since the days of the Second World War' to tackle climate change. Last month, he said that 'climate change, species extinction and plastic pollution are huge problems but tackling them is not an insurmountable challenge.'

He spoke about the National Forest for Wales that the Welsh Government is creating to build on the success of the Wales Coastal Path which will also provide a unique tourism opportunity.

To kick start the National Forest for Wales programme, the Welsh Government has allocated £4.5m to accelerate the rate of tree planting across Wales.

The Welsh Government has a key role to play in tackling climate change in all spheres of policy including housing. On Tuesday, we debated our Budget for 2020-21 which included an additional £140m to respond to the climate emergency and deliver a greener Wales. £25m will be allocated to build near-zero carbon, climate friendly homes and we have announced ambitious plans to change building regulations to ensure that from 2025 all new homes built in Wales will be powered from clean energy sources.

These are just some examples of the Welsh Government's commitment to making climate change a priority for our Budget, regulations and policies including action to move towards zero waste by 2050 reducing emissions and I hope people will respond to the consultation on Recycling – Making the Circular Economy a Reality in Wales to influence the way forward. Wales is the world's fourth best recycler but we need to continue to cut down on the rubbish we throw away from food waste to plastic and learn how we can make use of any unavoidable rubbish. Visit gov.wales/circular-economy-strategy

I know there are many ways we can take action in our own lives and it is good to see the ways we can do this in our Vale communities and towns by

shopping locally, by taking advantage of our local farming businesses at Farmers Markets and meat boxes. Also, we can support the new refill businesses such as Awesome Wales on Holton Road in Barry, which is a Community Interest Company that you can join. Children and young people are at the forefront of these initiatives and I congratulate Romilly Primary School with their pupil-led plastic free policies.

As the First Minister said: 'Let's get together and act.'

The Ritz during the Blitz

ON January 19 St Hilary village hall was transformed into The Ritz during the Blitz for an afternoon tea themed around World War 2, and in particular women's roles in the war, which were significant: Bletchley women, Land Army, nurses, those who worked in factories, spies and the Women's Institute etc.

Wartime recipes were used to recreate savoury and sweet delights with a few decadent treats thrown in – and was all washed down with oodles of tea!

The hall was decorated with bunting, wartime posters and interesting memorabilia – telephones, typewriters, gas masks, newspapers. Some guests arrived in 40s style fashion which complemented the occasion and there was a jive demonstration, a wartime quiz and a group chorus of 'We'll Meet Again' to round off the afternoon.

The tea was being held to raise funds for Valleys Kids and the organisers were thrilled that £660 was raised for such a worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who gave their support – and which helped to make the day such a success.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (A48 (RHAN), SAIN NICOLAS) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30 MYA) 2020

1. Ar 3 Chwefror 2020, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 1, 2 ac 84 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 10 Cwefror 2020 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd yn eu lle, p'un bynnag yw'r hwyraf a chyfeirir ato fel Gorchymyn Cyfyngu Cyflymder 30 MYA Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (A48 (Rhan) Sain Nicolas) 2019. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynllun yn dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

3. Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad yw'n unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos wedi 10 Chwefror 2020 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw berson achosi neu alluogi cerbyd i deithio'n gyflymach na 30 m.y.a. yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Gorchymyn Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30 mya Arfaethedig. (Insert into map schedule AB47).
A48 (RHAN), SAIN NICOLAS

O bwynt 32 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Campbell Court i gyfeiriad y gogledd-ddwyrain am 110 metr, gan ddod i ben yn lleoliad adolygedig nodwedd ddwyreiniol porth Pentref Sain Nicolas.

Dyddiad: 6 Chwefror 2020.
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau,
Gwenfô. CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A48 (PART), ST NICHOLAS) (30 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2019

1. On the 3rd February 2020 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

2. The Order will come into operation on the 10th February 2020 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place, whichever is the later and shall be referred to as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A48 (Part), (St Nicholas) 30mph Speed Restriction Order 2019. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 10th February 2020 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than that referred to in the location specified in the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE 2

Insert into map schedule AB47.
Proposed 30 mph Speed Restriction Order.
A48 St Nicholas

From a point 32 metres northeast of its junction with Campbell Court in a north-easterly direction for distance of 110 metres, terminating at the revised location of the eastern St Nicholas Village gateway feature.

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Many helping hands at Amelia Trust

ONE of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies, Boehringer Ingelheim has donated 480 volunteering hours to Amelia Trust Farm.

Staff from their Animal Health business unit pitched in heartily to work on projects outdoors and indoors on a cold and wet January day. Under the watchful eye of Fred the cat, they worked until the evening to get the jobs done including a new climbing frame for the goats, new rabbit hutches and a new school room so visiting groups can eat their lunch inside in comfort.

Karen Turnbull, director at Amelia Trust Farm commented: "It was incredible to see so many people at the farm like an army of ants, all working with purpose. We are very grateful to everyone from Boehringer Ingelheim who persevered in the cold and rain to get the projects completed by the tight deadlines".

As a charity, which does not receive any statutory funding, Amelia Trust Farm relies on the generosity of individuals and companies to support its charitable work with disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The farm offers young people going through difficult times a nurturing sanctuary and the opportunity to be part of a community, including those with learning difficulties and physical disabilities; for everyone to improve their confidence, self-esteem and develop the skills they need to succeed.

Residents keep their area tidy

A GROUP of community-spirited residents of Rhoose joined in their second litter pick on January 19 in the village.

Ten people cleared the busy station area and up towards the Spar shop, which allowed us to put the rubbish in the car park until the council collected it on Monday.

Tony Spears of the Vale Council supplied bags, litter pickers and gloves and organised the collection of the rubbish.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)
(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 6) 2019

1. Ar 3 Chwefror 2020 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd 1984 a Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn i osod a diddymu'r cyfyngiadau parcio a nodir yn yr atodlen isod.
2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 10 Chwefror 2020 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd yn eu lle neu'n cael eu gwaredu, p'un bynnag sydd hwyraf ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Mannau Parcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 6) 2019" Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn ynghyd â chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardal y bydd yn effeithio arni yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
3. Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad yw'n unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos wedi 10 Chwefror 2020 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Insert into map schedules AG62 AH62

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg.

Pantycelyn Road. (Gogledd)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Dochdwy Road i'r de-orllewin am 10 metr.

Pantycelyn Road. (De)

Ar naill ochr y ffordd o'r gyffordd â Dochdwy Road am 10 metr tua'r gogledd.

Dochdwy Road. (Gogledd)

Ar ochr y gogledd, o bwynt 10 metr tua'r gorllewin o'r gyffordd â Waverly Close tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 38 metr.

Ar ochr y de, o'r gyffordd â Pantycelyn Road tua'r de-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Dochdwy Road. (De)

Ar ochr y gogledd, o'r gyffordd â Pantycelyn Road am 10 metr tua'r gorllewin.

Ar ochr y gogledd, o'r gyffordd â Pantycelyn Road, tua'r dwyrain am 10 metr.

Dyddiad: 6 Chwefror 2020.

Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Depo'r Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)
(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 6) ORDER 2019

1. On the 3rd February 2020 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to install and remove the parking restrictions specified in the schedule below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 10th February 2020 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are removed or installed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement)(Amendment) (No 6) Order 2019". A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 10th February 2020 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Insert into map schedules AG62 AH62

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.

Pantycelyn Road. (North)

On the south-eastern side from its junction with Dochdwy Road in a generally south-westerly for a distance of 10 metres.

Pantycelyn Road. (South)

On both sides of the road from its junction with Dochdwy Road in a northerly direction for a distance 10 metres.

Dochdwy Road. (North)

On the northern side, from a point 10 metres west of its junction with Waverly Close in a generally north-westerly direction for a distance of 38 metres.

On the southern side, from its junction with Pantycelyn Road in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Dochdwy Road. (South)

On the northern side, from its junction with Pantycelyn Road in a westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

On the northern side, from its junction with Pantycelyn Road in an easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Dated this 6th day of February 2020.

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Alps Depot, Wenvoe CF5 6AA

Childhood reminiscence for Probus Club

GUEST speaker, John Sheen gave a talk entitled 'Five Boys and a Pasty' at Penarth Probus Club's latest meeting.

John, a retired headteacher, spoke about growing up in Port Talbot at the time when it was a thriving steel town with around 24,000 workers employed at the steelworks.

The next meeting will be on February 18 when James Sommerin will give a talk entitled: 'Generations'.

New members are welcome to join Probus. Meetings are held at the Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully from 10am.

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A LOCAL couple this week had a very lucky day when visiting R & D Jeweller's Antique Roadshow. Like most households they had a drawer full of bits and bobs including an old gent's watch from approximately 1930. The watch was working but had left to them. A selection of old, broken and incomplete rings and a few odd items of unusual jewellery were also included.

"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller.

He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or fnding a pot of gold.

Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this week is your chance to visit Barry.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them." Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found."

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

Things you should look for and take next week include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting.

Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

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Gavin & Stacey wins big at TV awards

ABOVE: Mathew Horne, who plays Gavin, and James Corden, who plays Smithy. (Credit BBC)

ABOVE: Joanna Page, who plays Stacey, with Ruth Jones, the woman behind Nessa.

IT was celebrations all round as the cast of the hit Barry-based show *Gavin & Stacey* scooped up a prestigious accolade at the National Television Awards last week.

Show writers Ruth Jones and James Corden treated fans to a festive instalment of the popular TV series at Christmas nearly a decade after the series ended.

Some 18.5 million people tuned in to watch the Christmas Day special, making it the BBC's biggest TV show to date.

And the festive special's success was marked last week with Sir Tom Jones and singer Ollie Murs presenting the cast with the Impact Award at the glitzy television ceremony last Tuesday.

The Impact Award isn't handed out regularly, having only been presented three times since 2015.

Ruth Jones, who plays Nessa in the show, accepted the gong in character alongside her co-stars including Rob Brydon, Alison Steadman, Larry Lamb and Mathew Horne.

James Corden, who plays Smithy, didn't attend the ceremony because of his work commitments in America.

Many fans were left disappointed as they thought Jones would use the special occasion to announce that *Gavin & Stacey* would be returning once more.

She has said in the past that there are currently no plans to write another series, or one-off special, but admitted she wouldn't rule out a return at some point.

Pubs urged to avoid TV Licence penalty during Six Nations

TV Licensing is advising all publicans to check they are correctly covered by a TV licence if they plan to show live matches.

Rugby fans across Wales will pack into pubs over the course of five weekends to watch the home nations in action and visiting officers will also be touring unlicensed venues throughout the tournament. All businesses need to be covered by a valid TV licence if staff, customers or visitors watch or record live programmes on any TV channel or service (including online), or download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer. This applies to any device provided by the business.

Those found to be showing live games without a valid licence could end up in the sin bin as they run the risk of a court prosecution and fine of up to £1,000 per offence, plus costs. In the last three years, TV Licensing enquiry officers visited more than 44,0001 businesses across the UK, including pubs, takeaway restaurants and sports clubs, to confirm if they were correctly licensed.

A TV licence costs £154.50 and can be purchased in minutes via an online form at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/businessinfo or by calling the TV Licensing business team on 0300 790 6112. Spokesperson for TV Licensing in Wales, Ellen Leach-Hutchings, said: "The majority of pubs are correctly licensed to show live sport for their customers, and we'll be dropping in on establishments that we know are not, so our advice to landlords is to check whether they're covered rather than risk being caught red-handed."

Steven Alton of the British Institute of Innkeeping (BII), the leading professional body for UK's licensees, said: "Watching sport in the pub is a great British tradition, and we are sure the Six Nations will prove no different. However, together with TV Licensing, we always like to remind licensees that they must have a current TV licence in order to publicly show live sport legally."

A business address needs to be covered by a licence if staff, customers or visitors watch or record programmes as they're being shown on TV, on any channel; watch or stream programmes live on an online TV service (such as ITV Hub, All 4, YouTube, Amazon Prime Video, Now TV, Sky Go, etc.); download or watch any BBC programmes on iPlayer.

This applies to any device, including a TV, desktop computer, laptop, mobile phone, tablet, games console, digital box or DVD/VHS recorder.

Businesses may also need a licence if staff, customers or visitors: use their own devices that are plugged into the mains, or use their own devices not plugged into the mains, and are not covered by a licence at their home address.

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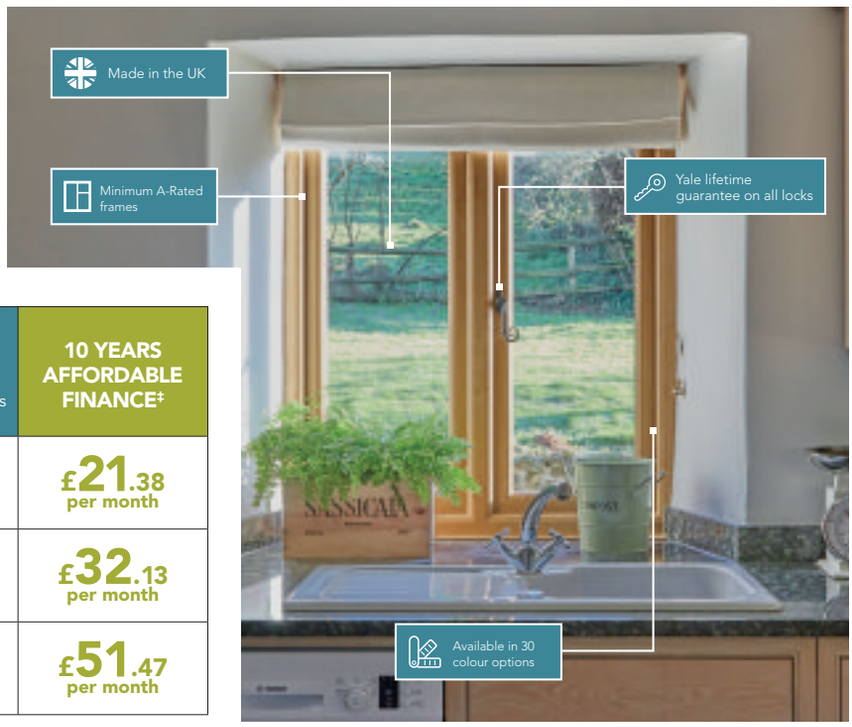

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Young actor bags role in popular Netflix show

A YOUNG actor from Barry Island landed himself a role in season two of the hugely popular Netflix show *Sex Education.*

Lucas Edwards, aged 21, plays the role of a teenager who had been diagnosed with chlamydia in the hit TV programme.

He was just one of many students from the University of South Wales Film and TV School who managed to secure jobs on the show.

Sex Educations, which starrs *X Files* actress Gillian Anderson, focuses on issues facing a group of teenage classmates as they navigate their way through school.

Lucas, who is a second-year theatre and drama student, jumped at the chance to have a feature role on the show having worked for a short time on season one.

He said: "This is by far the biggest series I have had the chance to be part of.

"I have been an extra on *Casualty, Poldark* and *Brave New World,* but this has been such a fantastic opportunity while I am still at university."

And Lucas has acting to thank for helping him overcome a stammer, which he suffered from while at primary school.

He explained: "I found that when I was pretending to be someone else, my stammer would disappear, so I owe a lot to drama for allowing me to develop that confidence and realise my potential."

Lucas revealed one of his many highlights working on the show was beatboxing with Asa Butterfield, who plays the lead role of Otis, between takes.

He said: "I was just killing time and Asa randomly joined in. It was such a great experience spending time with him and connecting on that level – plus it is a great story to tell of my time on the show!"

As part of his role, Lucas portrays the experience of a teenager who has been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection.

He added: "It was really important to me that these issues were shown in a sensitive and realistic way. If it helps just one person going through this situation, then the series has done its job."

Sex Education, which first aired in January 2019, was filmed at a series of locations in Caerleon, Cardiff, Newport and the Wye Valley.

Tom Ware, director of production and performance at the University of South Wales, said: "We're thrilled that, once again, students from our creative industries courses were able to gain invaluable experience both in front of and behind the camera on the second season of this brilliant drama.

"With more than 20 graduates from our Film & TV School courses working in roles across the production, as well as actors from our performance courses appearing on screen, it's a joy to see so many of our most talented students be given an opportunity to be part of this production.

"We've loved working with both Eleven Films and Netflix and look forward to building closer ties with both as part of our bigger ambition to provide clear and sustainable progression routes for young people into the Wales film & TV industry."

SWAM open day for youngsters

AN open day for people aged 14-25 takes place on Saturday, February 29 starting at 10am and finishing with refreshments at 10pm at the South Wales Aviation Museum (SWAM).

SWAM, the museum based at Picketston, will soon be welcoming its 10,000th visitor to see the collection of planes and displays.

Young people are invited to look around, meet the volunteer guides and let the museum know what they would like to see developed at the museum. It could be an engineering club, a project involving IT or photography... the museum wants to hear about it!

The first 50 people aged 14-25 who respond will be allocated a free ticket if they email info@swam.online.

Visit www.swam.online for more information.

Events in your area

Repair Cafe

REPAIR Cafe Wales will be at Bethel Church Hall in Llantwit Major on Saturday, February 8 from 10am to 12pm.

Volunteers will be on hand to look at portable household items, to attempt to repair or provide recommendations, refreshments are available while you wait. Repairs are normally free unless spare parts are required.

Highlight Park Cuppa

IF you know anyone living alone who might enjoy a little company, joinm the Highlight Park Cuppa.

Men and women are welcome; everyone can feel they need a little company now and again. We do have occasional visits from solitary men but if we have enough men, we can reserve a 'men's table', where they can meet regularly, chat, play cards, complete a quiz sheet and enjoy a social afternoon. They might even have common interests and develop a local men's network or club of their own.

Highlight Park Cuppa is open every second and fourth Monday of the month at Highlight Park Community Centre from 2.30pm-3.30pm; this month, February 10 and 24. If you have any queries, call Ada on 01446 722412.

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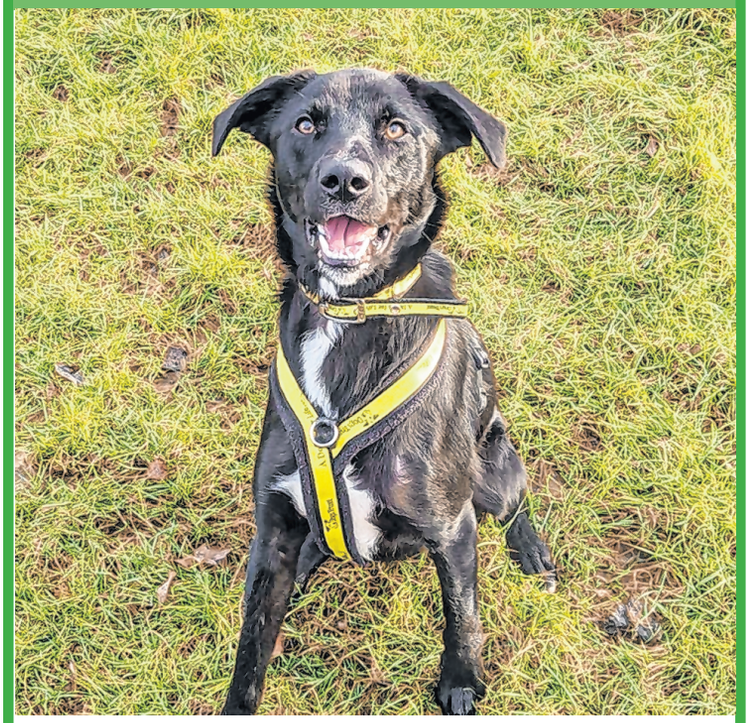

SAMMY is a one-year-old Collie cross who has oodles of energy and is looking for an active home with owners who will put his brain to good use.

He would thrive on going to agility classes to really channel his energy in the right way. As a clever Collie, he will get bored if he's left to his own devices, so he'll need plenty of things to do to keep his mind and body occupied.

Sammy is sociable with other dogs when out and about, however, his exuberant play style can be too much for some!

Angela Wetherall, manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend said: "Sammy is very affectionate and loves a fuss. He would like an adult-only home with owners who are around for most of the day and have experience of the breed. Sammy will make a great addition to a home as he has so much love to give."

For more information on Sammy, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; call 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

PM delivers biggest police funding boost in a decade

THE Prime Minister has delivered the biggest increase in funding for the police in a decade, boosting budgets for forces across the UK.

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who stood on the promise of extra money for police services, says this will help to keep the Vale safe and support the recruitment of 20,000 extra police officers. The UK Government is enabling an increase in funding for the policing system of up to £1.1 billion for 2020/21, the biggest increase in a decade which will allow recruitment of the first 6,000 of the 20,000 additional police officers promised, by the end of March 2021.

South Wales Police will directly benefit from a cash increase of £21.1 million, as the budget rises to £312.4 million for 2020/21 from £291.3 million the previous year.

Mr Cairns said: "At the General Election, I stood on a manifesto pledge to increase funding for the police and I am delighted that this is being delivered at the earliest opportunity. Keeping our communities safe is one of our biggest priorities and the recruitment of extra officers will play a significant role in this."

The Conservative Government also introduce measures to keeping the public safe from the worst criminals by ensuring offenders receive the appropriate punishments, ordering an urgent review into sentences for violent and sexual offenders. This includes, extending the Unduly Lenient Sentence Scheme so more victims can appeal the sentences offenders receive.

The Government said they will stop the automatic release of the most serious offenders at the half way point of their sentence, toughen up terror sentencing and ensure life means life for child murderers.

What's on in your area?

Valeways Carers' walks

CARING relatives provide a valuable service and the responsibility of caregiving often falls on one person's shoulders.

Their invaluable contribution to care is often not acknowledged and caring can become a socially isolating experience. If you are a carer and would like some social contact and light physical exercise, then join our walk at Barry Island: take a break from caring duties and enjoy a sociable chat and stroll. If you would like to join us, it takes place on the last Thursday of every month, 10.30am from Barry Island Station.

Penarth Aviation Society

ON Friday, February 7 the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club at 7.45pm.

Our talk this month is given by society member Mike Duxbury and is entitled 'Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson Aviatrix of the 1930's'. Mike will briefly describe the achievements of two of these women who became icons: Amelia Earhart from Kansas USA and Amy Johnson from Hull, UK.

Organ recital

ON Tuesday, February 11, Geoff Howells will start his new series of six organ recitals in Llanblethian Church at 2.30pm.

Pieces by Bach, Kenneth Leighton and Andrew Keeling will be played by Geoff and on spinet, Baroque pieces from Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, France and England played with a nod to the Six Nations Rugby tournament. The concert is free of charge; refreshments during the interval.

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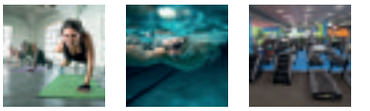

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College wins award for inclusiveness and diversity

CARDIFF and Vale College's approach to treating everyone with fairness and respect has won it a UK-wide award from the National Centre for Diversity.

CAVC's commitment to fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion and engagement (FREDIE) was recognised by the National Centre for Diversity at its annual awards. The College has also moved from 15th to 12th in the centre's UK Top 100 Index, determined by the results of surveys and organisations with accreditation by the National Centre for Diversity.

It referred to the College's REACH+ initiative, which provides a central hub for those learning English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) which has significantly improved delivery of the right courses to the right people and cut waiting lists.

The initial REACH programme was such a success that the Welsh Government has rolled it out across Wales, combined with a ReStart Refugee Integration project to provide support in a one-stop shop.

Judges also commended CAVC for launching an ESOL Health and Cancer Awareness Resource in partnership with the Velindre Cancer Centre and Public Health Wales.

The College is well placed to reach out to black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities across the region. Research has found that people from these communities are less likely to take part in national cancer screening programmes and have lower levels of awareness of cancer signs and symptoms; the resource addresses that.

Cardiff and Vale College Principal Kay Martin said: "We are thrilled to have won this award for our ongoing commitment to ensuring that all of the communities the College serves feel respected and included.

"We are also really pleased that we have once again moved up the National Centre for Diversity's Top 100 Index. Working with the Centre has been a key element of our continuing efforts to promote inclusivity and we look forward to carrying on in partnership with them."

'Six Nations must remain free on TV,' says MP

LOCAL MP Chris Elmore has joined a group of his Welsh Labour colleagues in calling on the UK Government to ensure the Six Nations rugby tournament remains on free-to-view TV channels.

The group believe viewing figures could "crash" if the matches are aired via digital subscription services in the future. From 2021, a share of the rights to the tournament is set to be held by CVC Capital Partners and is likely to be packaged in with autumn internationals and summer tours and be at least partially behind a paywall.

Chris Elmore said: "Rugby is the lifeblood of many of our communities, whether that be on the pitch, in our pubs, or in living rooms across the country. We must ensure that everyone across our country retains the right to watch Wales in this annual highlight on the sporting calendar.

"The UK Government must do more to prevent our national sports being hidden further and further behind paywalls. We know who this hurts most: those communities who are worse off. After a decade of cruel Tory cuts, the least people can expect is to be able to watch their national team in the Six Nations for free."

UK Government Ministers are yet to reply.

Ramblers take a stroll along the Iolo trail

TWELVE walkers and Bruno the dog joined Robin and his new pup Biggles from Penarth and District Ramblers at the Gower and set off through the dunes to Rhossili Bay in dry but overcast weather.

They headed west along the beach to Diles Lake where they turned inland. They paused to admire a Harris Hawk that was about to be put through his paces by his owner, before passing through Broughton Caravan park for the short climb onto the coastal path.

A steep descent through bare woodland led them below the tall craggy Cwm Ivy Tor and then uphill by road for the journey to Llanmadoc, where the Britannia Inn welcomed them in for a delightful lunch and drinks.

Refreshed and climbing by road, then a narrow muddy bridleway to the lower slopes of Llanmadoc hill, they were rewarded with misty views out over the Lougher Estuary, before clambering uphill near the Iron Age fort of The Bulwarks.

Rough tumpy moorland tracks, barely visible in places, with three Red Kites soaring high above them, brought them eventually to Llangennith village, where they descended past St Cennydd's Church with its lovely carved gateway. Making their way uphill onto the lower slopes of Rhossili Down, a wet and slippery track led them to the road for the journey home.

In contrast, the following day Sheila was joined in Cowbridge by five walkers despite the inclement weather for a walk following the Iolo Morganwg Trail. This infamous 18th century poet, collector and writer, who was born Edward Williams, fell from grace when it was discovered he had forged poems and manuscripts, but he is mostly admired for founding the Gorsedd of Bards Cymru in a ceremony conducted at Primrose Hill in London on June 21, 1792.

A path beside the River Thaw led them below the flyover and over boardwalks before boggy meadows led them to Aberthin Road. Walking to Stalling Down, they paused to admire a standing stone commemorating the first Gorsedd, before crossing the A48 and ascending to the Clump, where hangings are said to have taken place in days gone by.

After viewing the monument to the Glamorgan Yeomanry which lists its battle honours, a muddy and wet path brought them into St Hilary, past the 12th century church from where some beautiful singing was emanating. A lane led them to Bluebell Wood and New Beaupre, where they paused to allow a farmer to herd his flock of sheep into a field so they could be scanned by the vet to see how many were in lamb, before continuing to Llanblethian where they spied a Little Egret and some ducks.

Then, crossing the river and climbing to the ruined St Quentin's Castle, which afforded them some shelter from a heavy shower, a descent led them into the Physic Garden with its medicinal plants, through Old Hall Gardens and back into Cowbridge.

On February 8, a six-mile moderate walk taking in Dinas Powys and Cock Hill will leave the junction of Mill and Millbrook Road Dinas Powys at 10am; call Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On February 11, a six-mile moderate Shortish Strides walk will leave Wenvoe Church at 10am; call Joy on 01446 737131.

On February 12, a 12-mile mod/hard walk in the Black Mountains will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9am; call William on 07528 701 952.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the leader for advice. For up to date information log onto *www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com* or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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Nurse wins national Marie Curie award

MARIE Curie Nurse Sam Clements has won a national award for the care he provides to those living with a terminal illness, at Marie Curie's annual Peacock Awards held last night at the Royal College of Nursing in London.

Sam Clements, Outpatients & Day Therapy Nurse Manager at the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, won in the innovation category, recognising his launch of an Advanced Care Planning Café at the hospice.

Advanced Care Planning is important to help avoid unnecessary admissions to A&E at the end of life, and to support people to remain at home. Having been involved in a Death Café, Sam used a similar model to launch the Advanced Care Planning Café, creating a positive and protective environment for patients and carers to speak about their future plans.

The nationwide awards were set up in partnership with The Peacock Charitable Trust, who are a long-standing supporter of Marie Curie.

The awards celebrate both teams and individuals nominated by their colleagues for consistently showing commitment to delivering the best care to people living with a terminal illness and support for their family and friends. Sam Clements said: "It's a complete honour and I really didn't expect to win. All the nominees were amazing and I'm really proud of the café and its success."

Check for light pollution – Dave Powell shows you how!

THE Milky Way can still be seen high, almost overhead, sweeping upwards from the south-eastern horizon, down towards the north-western horizon.

Ursa Major is about halfway from overhead towards the north-eastern horizon, and the 'W' of Cassiopeia appears to straddle the Milky Way halfway down towards the northern horizon.

Dominating the southern sky is mighty Orion.

Last month I described its brighter stars, and there has been a subtle change. In particular, the bright orange star, Betelgeux, at the top left, has faded. It is still visible to the naked eye, but something has happened: check out our Facebook page, *www.Facebook.com/Barry-andDistrict-Astronomical-Society-1744319609188634/?FreF=ts* and you will come across a 'before and after' photo, and the star has a ring around it to identify it.

We know that one day, because of its size, Betelgeux will blow itself to bits in a supernova explosion, but what has caused this fade we are not really certain.

We think it lies about 600 light years away and maybe as little as 8/10 million years old. But it is large, and we estimate that if it was placed in the Sun's position Betelgeux would swallow Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars.

Spend time looking below at the three close stars that make up the belt. With the naked eye you should see a faint patch of light (binoculars will bring out some detail).

This is M42, a stellar nursery. Stars are being born inside this vast nebula. We estimate that it lies around 1,000 light years away and could be up to 30 light years across. Between February 21 and 28, the Campaign for Rural England, in conjunction with the British Astronomical Association's Commission for Dark Skies, is holding a nationwide star count. Ignore the four corner stars and count how many stars inside the boundary you can see with the naked eye. Fewer than five, you have severe light pollution; under good skies you may see 20 or more.

Early evening is the time to locate the planet Venus, the Moon will help identify it on the 27th in twilight. The Moon will lie close to the Hyades star cluster and the bright star Aldebaran in the constellation of Taurus.

Visit *www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com* for more information.

Dave Powell, Barry Astronomical Society

Help wanted to gather evidence for a sustainable future

A REPORT by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) starts to scope out the potential for transformative changes to the way we live, to ensure that our natural environment will be able to sustain us in the future.

NRW is gathering evidence for its second State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR), due to be published in December 2020. The report is Wales' national evidence base for natural resources, ecosystem resilience and wellbeing. It will be used to inform action and decisions across Wales through such routes as Area Statements and the Natural Resources policy.

An interim report outlines evidence from the United Nations on the linked nature and climate emergencies. The UN are calling for 'transformative changes' to society and the economy to deal with these emergencies and the report describes some examples of the type of action which could be taken. Help is needed to gather the evidence for Wales around two emergencies – Green Infrastructure and the Circular Economy – and the options to address them.

Mike Evans, NRW's Head of Knowledge and Evidence said: "Wales is facing a climate and nature emergency. We need to gather information about how society increases the pace and scale of action to face these two challenges and prompt change by decision makers across Wales and across all sectors."

Climate change, pollution of air, freshwaters and seas, the loss and fragmentation of habitats to development and changes in land use, the introduction and spread of invasive species, pests and diseases and the increasing demands of the human population to provide food, energy and raw materials impact on biodiversity. The Interim Report draws on evidence in the State of Nature Report 2019, which found that 41% of the UK's species have declined in the past 50 years and 8% of species found in Wales are at risk of extinction. The natural environment provides all the things we need to live and thrive: the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat – much of which needs pollinating by insects, and the medicines we take. Wales' use of natural resources from across the globe provides the raw materials and energy for our homes and industries. Our ecosystems can also protect us against environmental hazards, such as flooding, soil erosion and the impacts of climate change. They also provide employment and sustain communities.

Mike Evans added: "Our wellbeing and that of future generations depends on both the natural resources we use. In SoNaRR, we need to gather evidence which can address the climate emergency and reverse the decline of nature – and we need your help to do this."

Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs said: "If we are to overcome the present climate and nature emergencies, we will need our natural environment to be in the best possible condition so that ecosystems are resilient to the shocks they face from a changing climate, and that we maximise the protective power of nature on which our wellbeing relies."

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Some 60 per cent of people do not have a will, solicitor says

BRENDAN Sweeney, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60% of the UK population does not have a will.

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Probate disputes and challenges to wills are becoming a growth area, which often lead to substantial costs.

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It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid will.

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Hello to Spring at Samantha B

NO more January blues, spring is on the way!

The daffodils are out, and it's getting lighter. Hands up who's glad that January is officially over? It always seems to be the longest month.

I hope you've been lucky enough to bag a few bargains in our January sale; it's always nice to get a few new pieces to carry you through to the new season.

February is always a busy month at Samantha B, with lots of lovely new season stock arriving on a daily basis.

We have had our first delivery of Olsen, Bianca and Anna Montana.

Olsen are basing the first delivery on the colours of the upcoming Olympic Games – expect to see gorgeous subtle reds teamed with prints, pair with stone coloured jeans and top off with a gilet – and hello, spring!

Also in the colour range is a beautiful jade green and subtle denim blue, lovely knitwear and organic cotton tops.

The great thing about all of these is that you can start to enjoy wearing them now as they are a great transitional weight, but be quick, as they are selling fast.

Trousers and jeans are, of course, a wardrobe essential, but can also present a problem with getting the fit right. Olsen offer four fits in both jeans and trousers, with Mona or Lisa being the favourites.

We still have the wonderful Marble jeans, and this year they're launching a pair of shorts in the same fit as the jeans. Come on, you lady golfers – what are you waiting for?

One of the most popular trousers we do at Samantha B is Brandtex; they really are the workhorse of your wardrobe – a great all-rounder.

Last year, we launched two new labels, Barbara Lebek and Anna Montana. The Anna Montana 'jump in' jeans caused a bit of a stir; the most comfortable trousers, 98% cotton and the softest waistband, with many customers coming back for three or four pairs – now, that speaks for itself.

We have just had delivery, so if you don't want to miss out, call in and try some for yourself.

Barbara Lebek also caused a stir, the gilets and outerwear were amazing and so were the collections; the new delivery is due this week.

We will be starting the charity fashion shows soon on March 4, Ystradowen; March 19, Holy Cross, Cowbridge and March 27, Porthcawl.

If you're still interested in a sale bargain, we have a few left at a crazy 80% off – form an orderly queue!

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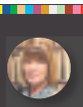

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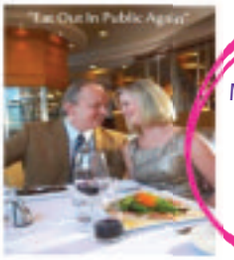

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Radio Civil Protection Unit helps Vale in times of crisis

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council has been presented with a high spec VOIP radio, enabling their Civil Protection Unit to be connected to the Cardiff & District RAYNET Group 24/7, especially when an incident takes place in the Vale of Glamorgan.

RAYNET is an organisation of radio amateurs holding Government licences, who provide communications equipment in support of the user services in the UK in times of local or national emergencies.

The radios have been proven 100% reliable, and have already proved their worth: when the severe 'Beast from the East' snowstorm hit south Wales two years ago, and the RAYNET group helped with moving medical personnel to work, as well as helping with communications in remoter areas of the Vale.

Anthony Ernest is pictured presenting the radio to CP officer Carl at a recent RAYNET meeting in Cardiff.

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Locate a defibrillator and save a life

LOCATIONS of defibrillators are listed below, and members of the public are encouraged to attend a free two-hour training course to learn CPR and how to use defibrillators.

The St Johns Ambulance organisation provide occasional group training courses, providing the community has a suitable organiser and venue for training, and the group has sufficient numbers (6–12 people) to attend each training course.

Please note defibrillators at locations marked (24/7) are always accessible.

Defibrillators at locations other than these marked (24/7) are only accessible while the premises are in use.

If a key code is required for a defibrillator, call 999 and ask the call handler for the key code.

For your convenience, the telephone number for most locations have also been included.

Defibrillators can be found at the following locations:

Boverton: Boverton Castle Public House (01446 795544); **Corntown**: at the bus stop opposite The Meadow (24/7); **Ewenny**: The Village Store, on outside wall (24/7) (01656 719655); St Priory Church, in porch (24/7); **Llandow**: Village Hall, on outside wall (24/7) (01656 890235); **Llanmaes**: St Cattwg's Village Hall, on outside wall of entrance (24/7) (01446 793932); **Llantwit Major**: Bowls Club (01446 311599); Leisure Centre (01446 403000); Comprehensive School, on outside wall (24/7) (01446 793301); Well Pharmacy on outside wall (24/7) (01446 792267); Wyndham House Dental Surgery (01446 795240); Rugby Club (01446 792276); White Hart Public House, in telephone kiosk (24/7) (01446 796956); **St Athan**: Three Horseshoes Public House (01446 751043); Gathering Place (01446 750700); Golf Club, in members bar (01446 751043); MOD St Athan, East Gate guardroom (24/7); MOD St Athan, West Gate guardroom (24/7); Pharmacy, on outside wall (24/7) (03450 269995); South Wales Aircraft Museum (SWAM) in hangar (01446 782030); **St Donats** Atlantic College, in reception (01446 799000); **Sigingstone**: The Victoria Inn (01446 772383); **Wick**: Bus stop, next to Spar store (24/7); **Aberthin**: Village Hall on outside wall (24/7) (01446 774311); **Colwinston**: The Sycamore Tree Pub, on outside wall (24/7) (01656 652827); **Cowbridge**: Broadshoard Leisure Centre (01446 403000); Edmondes Arms Public House (07812 447853); Geoffery Ash Court, on outside wall (24/7) (01446 773933); Health Centre, Broadshoard (24/7) (01446 772383); Holy Cross Church (01446 772302); JCP office the Pavillion, High Street (24/7) (01446 771742); Southway Residential Home, on outside wall (24/7) (01446 772265); **St Mary Church**: in church porch (24/7); Tesco Express, (03450 269763); Town Hall (01446 773385); **Llanblethian**: Telephone Kiosk, on Bridge Road (24/7); **Llangan**: Village Hall (24/7) (07749 825267); **Penllyn**: Village Hall, outside on South wall (24/7) (01446 775794); **St Hilary**: Village Hall, outside (24/7) (01446 774890); **Treoes**: on wall opposite entrance to Parc Newydd (24/7); **Ystradowen**: Village hall, outside entrance door (24/7); **Rhoose**: Fontygary Inn, outside entrance door (24/7) (01446 711221); Library, on outside wall (24/7) (01446 710220); **Rhoose Point**, on wall by roundabout after the long road (24/7); Bay View Nursing Home (01446 678002); **Five Mile Lane:** Amelia Trust Farm, in the cafe (01446 782030).

Free defibrillator training is available on February 18 and 20: Learn how to perform CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and use a defibrillator by attending a free two-hour training course, no previous first aid experience required.

This short awareness course will take you through how to access and use a public access AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) and will teach you how to administer CPR.

Although the prospect of using an AED might be daunting, it's not and the increasing availability of public access AEDs makes it vital that the general public have access to awareness training.

The courses are suitable for anyone over the age of seven. No previous first aid experience is required.

This course is not suitable for those responsible for using a defibrillator in the workplace as a full AED training course is recommended.

When booking a place, please advise any impairments that the trainer needs to be aware of. The course will cover: primary survey, chest pains, resuscitation (CPR), introduction to the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and all trainees will receive an e-certificate of attendance from St John Wales.

Courses will be held in the Compass Building (behind the old school).

To book a place, contact Cllr Gordon Wilkie, email:cllr.gwilkie@llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk or call 07715 555 112.

Views of the misty Bristol Channel for walkers

ON a misty morning, 11 Valeways walkers met John at the Farmer's Arms in St Bride's for a morning walk.

They passed Shop Farm and followed the Ogwr Ridgeway walk to Pant Y Slade and Dunraven Bay.

The tide was high and a school party were settling down to work as the group of walkers climbed up from the bay to follow the cliff path, part of the Wales Coastal Path to reach Southerndown.

A short walk along the road brought them to a green lane which they followed to Groes Farm. As the mist had cleared a bit, they stopped for a short coffee break.

Refreshed, they followed the lane to the hamlet of Norton where they turned off the road to follow Pant Norton, a beautiful little valley, and then Pant Mari Flanders along the edge of Ogmore Down.

Some of the group were enthusiastically following the road (it led back to the pub) before being called back to walk up part of the Down, passing a reservoir before dropping down to St Brides, passing the Church to reach the road.

They followed the road past the pond to arrive back at the pub for food and drink.

Thanks go to Gareth and his staff for their hospitality and for the use of the car park.

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Jade's Wish to Walk makes strides!

FOR those of you who have been following the quest for Jade Owen's Wish to Walk, The GEM brings you some of the latest news.

As you probably know, Jade had her Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) operation in July in St Louis. In the 20 months following, Jade has made excellent progress. She has intensive physiotherapy twice a week and spends a lot of time every day doing exercises.

Jade can now stand and walk a bit on her own. She finds that balance is sometimes difficult, so she has to be near something to hold on to or have someone to steady her.

After over 12 years of not walking, this is incredible progress. It is hoped that within the next six months, Jade will be walking unassisted for a short distance.

The fundraising continues to enable Jade to have her physiotherapy and the dozens of other expenses that are involved.

The third Jade's Valentine Disco will be held at 7pm on Saturday, February 15 in The Master Mariner, Barry, CF62 9DA.

Further information on the event is available from Jade via Facebook and she is arranging some transport from Bridgend to Barry.

There will be prizes for best dancer, best dressed and raffles.

It is possible to help Jade's cause by making a donation at www.gofundme.com/jade-wish-to-walk. Every penny you give goes to help Jade's Wish to Walk – nothing is taken for administration.

Gordon Trigg, Bridgend

Put your knowledge to the test

HERE are the latest results from the Bridgend Quiz League for January 27:

Division 1:

TyRisha Royals 46, Oldcastle A 38; Crown Maesteg 46, Laleston Inn A 41; Mackworth Arms 42, Tondu Railway Club 50; Chatterton Shunters 42, Penybont AFC Nomads 38.

Division 2:

Pheasant Gamekeepers 50, Cabo Roche 45; Tondu Railway Locos 34, Prince of Wales Rebels 45; Oldcastle B 37, Six Bells Clangers 52; Laleston Inn B 44, Pheasant Pluckers 49.

Test your general knowledge with these teasers:

1. Which late singer owned wigs named after her rivals Lulu, Cilla Black and Sandie Shaw?

2. How is Cardiff's Caroline Street better known?

3. On which island was tennis star Rafael Nadal born?

Answers: 1. Dusty Springfield; 2. Chippy Alley or Chippy Lane; 3. Majorca.

Out & About with The GEM

Join the Treasure Box storytime!

THERE were stories, rhymes and songs galore at the new Treasure Box storytime session at Rhoose Community Library last week.

The sessions are led by library volunteer Elaine Kill, every Wednesday from 10.45am to 11.15am. The library also offers an Amser Stori session (through the medium of Welsh), from 10am to 10.30am on Wednesdays. Non-Welsh speakers are encouraged to come along.

Babies, pre-schoolers and their parents and carers are most welcome to come along to one or stay for both sessions. Both groups are drop-in and free of charge.

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Artists wanted for Penarth event

LOCAL artists, sculptors, photographers and galleries are required to take part in this year's Penarth Art Fair, which will take place in the Penarth Pier Pavilion from Friday, October 16-18, following the success of last year's Art Fair which featured the work of 13 artists and a local gallery on Penarth's seafront.

Organiser Michael Goode from Barry said: "I was really pleased with the response from the artists and the public to the Penarth Art Fair in 2019, with lots of sales, commissions and media coverage over the three day event. So, I am now looking for artists to get in touch if they want to take part this year."

There are only 12 stands available, and it is possible to share with other artists, or be part of a gallery or collective. For more information and prices, email: info@inc-creative.wales or visit the website: www.inc-creative.wales.

Events in your area

Community cinema

YSTRADOWEN Community Cinema will show Downton Abbey, when a royal visit from the King and Queen of England will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance.

The screening takes place at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, February 12. Tickets are available from Tudor Garage, Ystradowen.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A meeting will be a talk entitled 'Why does China…?', an analysis of the Chinese way of living and behaving, by Geoff Henderson at 2pm on Wednesday, February 12 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome; a small fee includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge

Bonvilston Community Cinema

BONVILSTON Community Cinema will show 'The Good Liar' on Thursday, February 13: career con artist Roy Courtnaty (Ian McKellen) can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish (Helen Mirren) online.

There are two showings, at 2pm and at 7.30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before, refreshments available. Entrance is £5 payable on the door.

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next lecture will be on Friday, February 14 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Brian Davies' talk will be on Evan Thomas and his lamps: please note the date of this meeting! All welcome. www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org.

Family History Society

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of Glamorgan Family History Society is on Monday, February 17 at the Len Evans Centre, off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF.

The speaker will be Ceri Joseph on 'The Normans in South Wales'. The talk starts at 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

Age Connects

THE following events take place at the Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Welfare advice: Hafod Housing Support Services are running a free drop-in service monthly and can offer advice on matters including welfare rights and form filling. The first session will be held Tuesday, February 11 from 10am to 12pm and no appointment is needed.

Free legal advice: on making a Will, Power of Attorney or Living Will; no appointment is needed on Tuesday, February 11 at 10am to 12pm.

Health information: if you have arthritis, fibromyalgia, gout, lupus or are looking after someone with these conditions, a health information session takes place on Tuesday, February 11 at 10 am to 12pm Come and chat to Cymru Versus Arthritis, who can offer information and support.

Dementia care: Admiral Care work with people and their families affected by dementia and Alzheimer's disease and hold a session on Tuesday, February 18 from 10am to 12pm.

Epilepsy support: The next monthly outreach group will be on Thursday, February 20 from 10.30am to 12pm with health care professional Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales.

Victorian Life in Barry

THE Benefice of Barry is holding a History Night, as part of their fundraising for future projects.

Ever wondered what life was like in Victorian Barry? If so, come along to St Mary's Church, Holton Road on Friday, February 21 from 7pm-9pm when Nic Hodges will give one of his entertaining and informative talks.

Admission is £3 at the door, not suitable for children. Raffles and refreshments will be available for purchase.

PACT in the Vale

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

A Deaf PACT Meeting will be held on Monday, February 24 between 6pm and 7.30pm at the Emergency Services Centre, Barry Fire Station.

Dyfan PACT will be held at the Barry Fire Station, Port Road West, Barry on Monday, March 2 at 7pm.

'Cuppa with a Copper' will be held at Penarth Library on Thursday, February 13 at 10.30am.

Meet your local officer at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, February 18 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Come along to 'Cuppa With a Copper' at St Mary Hill Golf Club at 11am on Tuesday, February 18.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

PACT meetings in Bridgend

SARN and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, February 24 at 7pm.

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, February 27 at 5pm.

Maesteg East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, March 12 at 6pm.

Could you become a puppy raiser for Guide dogs?

A BARRY pup is making good progress towards becoming a guide dog.

Diesel, a black labrador retriever, featured in The GEM last summer when he arrived at the home of puppy raiser, Barbara Scandrett.

The article helped Guide Dogs Cymru to recruit new volunteers in the Vale.

Diesel is now nine months old and has already mastered many of the skills he will need when he trains as a guide dog, coping well in busy environments such as shops and cafes.

Barbara said: "He knows all his commands and is good with children and other dogs. He has plenty of practice on public transport and goes on the bus at least once a week. We also take the train to visit my friend in Llantwit."

In a few months, Diesel will leave for Guide Dogs' training school, where Barbara will be able to pay him a visit.

She said: "People wonder how you cope with handing the puppy back to the charity after a year. Yes, it is hard, but you know he is going for a good purpose and will change someone's life.

"Diesel is the fourth puppy I've raised, and it's the best thing I've ever done. I've met some lovely people and made so many friends, plus I'm giving something back into the community."

Puppy raisers need a secure garden and access to a car. They must be able to spend much of the day with the puppy. Guide Dogs supplies basic equipment and covers all veterinary and feeding expenses. There are also regular puppy classes where volunteers can swap tips.

You can find out more when Guide Dogs visit Cowbridge Town Hall on Tuesday, February 11 and CF61 in Llantwit Mayor on Thursday, February 27. Both events run from 10am-2pm. Alternatively, call Jaye Connelly on 07468 711808 or email jaye.connelly@guidedogs.org.uk.

AM enjoys a Fairtrade cuppa

LEFT: Jane Hutt AM with Mark Mitchell, ValePlus staff and service users.

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently enjoyed a Fairtrade tea at ValePlus Cafe no 5 in High Street, to boost Barry as a Fairtrade town.

Ms Hutt said: "I was so pleased to go to Cafe no 5 run by ValePlus in High Street to enjoy a wonderful Fairtrade tea with trustees, staff and members.

"This is a welcome initiative by ValePlus to encourage businesses to promote and use Fairtrade products. Barry Town Council is working hard to ensure Barry is truly a Fairtrade town alongside schools and churches."

AM's call for pension scheme to stop investing in fossil fuel

OGMORE AM Huw Irranca-Davies has joined with Senedd colleagues to insist that their pension funds do not invest in fossil fuel companies.

In support of ongoing campaigns from Friends of the Earth and other environmental campaigners, the AM has signed up to the organisation's call to see all public bodies in Wales stop investing in damaging fossil fuels.

As a climate change campaigner, Mr Irranca-Davies AM said: "I am happy to support this call for 'divestment' – which is taking money away from unethical funds.

"By divesting from fossil fuels, we can help support more vulnerable countries where people are already experiencing the frontline impacts of climate change.

"We are all affected by the climate crisis and I'm pleased to see the Welsh Government has already declared a climate emergency as part of making Wales a globally responsible nation.

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Awards ceremony celebrates building excellence in the Vale

THE 17th Vale Council Building Control 'Building Excellence' awards were held at the Vale Resort, Hensol on January 24.

Victoria Walker from the Vale Council said: "The nominations in every category were of the very highest quality and I congratulate all the winners, who will now have the chance to compete against the winners from other councils in south Wales in the 'South Wales Building Excellence' awards which will be held at the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel and Spa Resort, Hensol on May 1, 2020, hosted by, Wynne Evans.

"The awards have shown the quality of work that is being undertaken throughout the Vale of Glamorgan and we are proud to be rewarding and encouraging quality in the construction industry.

"Our thanks must also go out to the sponsors, who have enabled the event to be firmly placed in the annual diary – Nina Estate Agents, The Glamorgan GEM, The Vale Resort, ACD Skip and Recycling, Ivorfire, Vale Consultancy and Jewsons along with Cromar and SJ Building and property maintenance."

The evening also raised a massive £552.73 on the night for NSPCC and Marie Curie.

The award winners who will go forward to the South Wales event are:

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BEST SMALL COMMERCIAL

Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol.

BEST PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Varco Consultants, for Various Projects.

BEST SITE AGENT

Chris Jones of Taylor Wimpey.

BEST LOCAL BUILDER

Mike Jenkins of Jenkins Builders.

The Council wish all of the above schemes good luck in progressing to the National Awards Finals.

LEFT: The Vale Council's Building Control Team

LEFT: The Best Large Housing went to Clare Garden Village, Cowbridge, and Best Site Manager was Chris Jones of Taylor Wimpey.

ABOVE: The Best Small Housing Development went to Hale construction for their work at Greenwood Close, Wenvoe.

ABOVE: The Best Commercial development went to Llanerch Vineyard.

ABOVE: Mountain Lodge was named as the Best Extension/Alteration, and the award was accepted by Martin Watts-Jones.

ABOVE: The Best Social Housing award, presented by Cllr Christine Cave, went to M&J Cosgrove for Cwrt Parc, Woodlands Road, Barry

ABOVE: The Best Site Manager was Chris Jones of Taylor Wimpey, pictured with Jan Irving of The GEM.

ABOVE: The Best Local Builder went to Mike Jenkins of Jenkins builders.

LEFT: Ebony House took the Best New Dwelling award and was the work of Edwards Construction.

LEFT: The Best Partnership award went to Varco Consultants.

Road group calls for progress on new roads in Barry and Dinas Powys

A GROUP calling for improvements to roads in the eastern Vale is asking the Welsh Government and the Vale Council what progress is being made.

The Barry to Cardiff Link Road Group has been campaigning on this issue for some time, and a spokesman said: "The Welsh Government and Vale Council appear to be stalling infrastructure improvements at the same time the council is pushing forward with a huge quota of housing developments, despite the fact that its Local Development Plan (LDP) requires infrastructure improvements to cater for more housing.

"Dinas Powys, Llandough, Lower Penarth, Cosmeston, Cog, Sully and parts of Barry could all become one big traffic jam unless the authorities find solutions that work for the whole area."

For more than four years the independent group has lobbied for suitable infrastructure to accompany nearly 4,000 new homes that are in various stages of construction or planning along the A4055 and B4276 corridors between Barry Waterfront and Cardiff.

The group says this will mean around 12,000 extra road trips a day by 2025. This is indicated by studies carried out by three different Vale Council consultants over the last seven years.

One of the heaviest increases is the stretch of the A4055 between Biglis and Gladstone roundabouts where morning traffic will increase by nearly 20% to a rate of 2,500 vehicles an hour.

Sully Moors Road will see an even greater increase of over 35%.

The A4055 through Dinas Powys will increase by around 22% with the vehicle count going up to nearly 2,000 vehicles an hour at morning and afternoon peak times.

The group say that in October 2016, the Welsh Government's Finance and Transport Secretary, Ken Skates AM, acknowledged the need to sort out the transport problems through Dinas Powys. He instructed officers to work with their opposite numbers in the Vale on a study of the problem. He stated that whatever the solution, it would have to be fully funded.

The five-stage Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) process began in February 2017 with the appointment of Arcadis Consultants. Three years later, the study hasn't got past Stage 2.

Last March, the Vale Cabinet was recommended to halt work on the benefits of an alternative by-pass option. This left a by-pass around Dinas Powys which would not prevent future gridlock from Biglis (MacDonalds) roundabout to the Gladstone tunnel roundabout in South Barry.

"In 2017, Cllr Lis Burnett, the Deputy Leader of the Vale Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration pointed out the domino-effect of just by-passing Dinas Powys," said Rod Harrod, chair of the independent lobby group.

"She stated improvements for Dinas Powys would only move the problem to the two ends – Merrie Harrier and Biglis roundabout.

"Is that why work on Stage 2 of the study has virtually ground to a halt since the change of Leadership in the Vale Council? They don't seem to want to even talk about alternatives."

Roger Pattenden, a retired civil engineer and also a member of the lobby group, said that WelTAG requires that all projects must include consultation with the public and end-users.

"It took the by-pass group to lobby the council to improve representation. I was elected by Dinas Powys Council to represent the community on the WelTAG Review Group, but in three years, the Vale Council has only called two meetings of the review group, to which a disturbing number of representatives have failed to attend.

"The second public consultation, where residents can be informed about the Stage 2 Study has been put back until May – that's more than three years after the first consultation.

"More than 12 months ago, the Vale Council's consultant Arcadis was asked to propose a solution to the already over-capacity Merrie Harrier junction. In their 2013 Highways Impact Assessment (HIA), consultants Capita Symonds indicated that traffic at this junction would be 400 per cent over capacity by 2026.

"We've put forward various professionally-prepared options for the Merrie Harrier junction including a double-roundabout.

"We have had discussions with officials at Llandough Hospital who have expressed a serious need for a second entrance to the hospital that has trebled in size in the last few years and continues to grow.

"We also suggested an alternative by-pass route at the Barry end to relieve the whole of the A4055 up to Ffordd y Mileniwm."

Mr Pattenden explained that with a short connection to Sully Road, this route would also relieve Sully and the B4267 from extra traffic from the 1,750 homes planned or in progress along that corridor.

Cllr Edward Jenkins said: "Both the Vale and Dinas Powys councils appear to be impressed solely by a statement from a local councillor that the majority of traffic causing the ever-increasing log-jams through Dinas Powys comes from and goes to the link road.

"However, this does not fit with the traffic survey carried out as recently as 2018 by Arcadis. This shows that the figure is less than a quarter of the traffic to or from Dinas Powys with the majority using the main road into and out of Barry.

ABOVE: Members of the Barry to Cardiff Link Road Group, Cllr Edward Jenkins BEM; Rod Harrod, group chair and Roger Pattenden Phd, MICE.

Earlier this month the Dinas Powys Council made a complete about-turn in its unanimous request to widen the study scope at the Barry end to allow the alternative route to be fully examined.

"I cannot think of a time in the over 50 years that I've served the community both on councils and in other capacities when I felt more upset at the actions of my colleagues," said Cllr Jenkins.

"Apart from war time this is the biggest issue facing Dinas Powys ever. The Link Road Group seeks only to ensure all options are examined in accordance with WelTAG.

"Others seem to want to prematurely decide the outcome before the public are even consulted," said Rod Harrod.

"This isn't just going against WelTAG but also the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 that requires authorities to work, not only with each other, but with the public to prevent and tackle problems.

"Options should be considered in the context of the whole Barry to Cardiff corridor. Otherwise, when any application for funding is put forward to the Welsh Government, the inability of the short by-pass option to provide a whole corridor solution may be used as an excuse to throw out any by-pass."

Emma Reed, the Vale Council's Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport, said: "After the council was unsuccessful in securing Welsh Government funding to complete the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guide stage 2 process, it made more than £60,000 available to complete a study into potential transport improvements for Dinas Powys.

"After this work has been completed in the next couple of months, cabinet will consider the best way forward."

Litter heroes are once again joining forces for Spring Clean Cymru

KEEP Wales Tidy is calling on people across Wales to help improve the environment on our doorstep by getting involved in its annual Spring Clean Cymru campaign.

The charity is aiming to inspire thousands of people to join forces to collect and safely dispose of litter from our streets, parks and beaches, recycling as much as possible. Community groups, schools and businesses will all be taking place between March 20 to April 13.

Spring Clean Cymru is part of the Great British Spring Clean. In 2019, more than 563,163 people, including 175,055 students, volunteered their time to take part in the campaign – the biggest ever!

This year's campaign will not only see tonnes of litter being removed from the environment on our doorstep, it also aims to rescue thousands of the plastic bottles and aluminum drinks cans that are simply thrown on the ground but could, very easily, be recycled.

Lesley Jones, Chief Executive for Keep Wales Tidy, said: "The value of a good quality environment can't be underestimated. It not only affects the look and feel of a place, but has a significant and far-reaching impact on our health and wellbeing and the local economy. That's why we're encouraging the people of Wales to get outdoors, be proud and help care for where they live. We want to make spring clean bigger and better than ever!"

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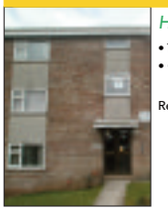

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Barry resident Ruby celebrates her 100th birthday

Ruby Drake recently celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and Barry Town Mayor Margaret Wilkinson in attendance.

RUBY Drake recently celebrated her 100th birthday on January 27 in Springbank Nursing Home, with Cllr Margaret Wilkinson, Barry Town Mayor and her family.

Ruby lived in Atlantic Place for more than 40 years and her daughter Margaret still lives in Barry, and her son Stephen in Scotland. Ruby also has has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Latest news from Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade

IT has been a busy time for the Juniors of 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade.

It was recently Martin Luther King Junior Day, and they spent an evening reflecting on this.

They thought about his famous 'I have a dream' speech and considered what their own dream for the future would be.

Two members of the Juniors travelled to Cardiff for the board games competition.

This involved playing snakes and ladders, Connect 4, dominoes and draughts against other companies from across Wales. Our boys were fourth – well done!

Second Llantwit Major and 1st Bloxham met in Tewkesbury on Saturday to play for a place in the last four in England and Wales in the chess competition.

Unfortunately, one of the Llantwit Major members couldn't make it, but Thomas and Ciaran were determined to do our company proud.

Although Bloxham won the match, all those involved had a wonderful experience. Congratulations to all the young people and we wish Bloxham all the best in their next match.

If anyone would like further information about Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major please contact Debbie on (01446) 796208.

Music in the Vale gala concert was a great success

THE Music in the Vale Young Musicians' Competition presented a gala concert on January 26 at All Saints Church, Penarth, and featured 14 winners from the November 2019 competition.

The large audience included Vale AM Jane Hutt, a strong and long-time supporter of the competition, together with the Mayor of Cowbridge, Cllr Alec Trousdell and his Consort and representatives of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir. The choir has expressed a desire to hold a joint fundraising concert, hopefully in June.

The level of performance from all on stage was of the highest standard, reflected in the enthusiastic comments from members of the audience.

Music in the Vale is already preparing for the November 2020 competition with professional adjudicators being contacted to judge the performers and provide invaluable feedback.

Vocalists, instrumentalists and ensembles aged between eight and 23 wishing to take part in this year's competition should email secretary@musicinthevale.org.uk – mobile 07740 288990 – or review the competition's website www.musicinthevale.org.uk for entry details.

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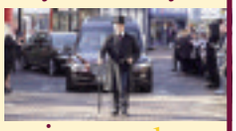

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A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

Signed: **P. Langford**
Date: **27th January 2020**

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COOPER

Ronald (Ron)

Passed away on 24th January, aged 76 years, after a short illness. Sadly missed by wife Sandra, son and daughter-in-law Vernon and Clare and grandchildren Alex, Ben and Daniel. Also father to the late Gordon.

Funeral to take place on Tuesday, 11th February at 10am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

No flowers please, donations to British Heart Foundation in memory of Ron can be made c/o A.G. Adams Funeral Directors, Barry.

OLIVER

William (Bill)

Sadly passed away at Llandough Hospital on the 19th January 2020. Devoted husband of Mary.

Bill will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the service of Thanks Giving at St Mary's Church, Dinas Powys on Wednesday, 12th February at 11am, followed by the interment at Western Cemetery Cardiff.

Family flowers only any donation in lieu will be gratefully received and given with thanks to Marie Curie and Tenovus.

REED

Alfred John (John)

Passed away peacefully on 28th January 2020 at the University Hospital of Wales. Adored uncle to Heather, Varley and Ken. Cherished great-uncle to Tara, Nikki and Tam and great great-uncle to David, Max and Crissy.

John will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Friday, 21st February at 12pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Flowers are welcome. Donations, if desired, in memory of John, may be made to National Dog's Trust.

The family ask that as John loved colour, to celebrate his long life, please wear a splash of colour.

OWEN

Professor John Wyn

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Professor John Wyn Owen CB, aged 77 years. Much loved husband of Elizabeth, loving father of Sian and Dafydd, and devoted grandfather of Pearl, Tom, Fearne & Allegra.

A proud Welshman originally from Bangor, North Wales. Following university at St Johns College, Cambridge, he had a distinguished career of dedicated service, leading change in public health across the globe.

His funeral will take place at 2pm on Wednesday, 12 February 2020 at Ramoth Chapel, Cowbridge.

A memorial service will be held in Cambridge later in the year.

Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, for Marie Curie can be made to mariecurie.org.uk, for whose support he was deeply grateful.

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Family Notices

HOARE
Reuben "Charlie"

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales on 31st January. Beloved husband of the late Margaret, loving father of Chris, daughter-in-law Janine, much loved grampy of Lewis and Matthew.

Charlie will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Friday, 14th February, service 12.45pm at Penmark Church, followed by interment 2pm at Porthkerry Cemetery. Family flowers only.

DONOVAN
John Patrick

After a brave battle with Alzheimer's, John passed away on 1st February 2020, aged 79 years. Beloved husband of June, loving father to Ceri, Victoria and Jonathan. Cherished grandfather to Georganne and Benjamin and great-grandfather to Phoenix.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Tuesday, 18th February at 10am at A.G. Adams Chapel, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral home. Donations if desired, in lieu of flowers, in memory of John, may be made to Ty Hapus at the service.

HAYLES
Dorothy Rose (*née* Daniels)

Peacefully died on 28th January, 2020 at Milsom House aged 98 years. Beloved wife of the late William Charles, mother to Marjorie, Colin and Lorraine, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at St David's Church on Friday, 14th February at 2pm, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Alzheimer's Research at the service.

THOMAS
Alan Ford (ATF)

Suddenly at home on 26th January 2020, aged 85 years. Devoted husband to Patricia.

Alan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel on Friday, 21st February at 10am, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only donations in lieu of flowers may be made to The Welsh Air Ambulance at the service.

CAIRNS-JONES
David Gareth

Peacefully after a short illness, at Morriston Hospital, on 15th January, Gareth of Cefn Nant, Pencoed. Dearly loved husband of Sandra and much-loved father of Guy.

Gareth will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Friday, 14th February. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 11.30am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be made to the Dog's Trust or The Pit Pony Sanctuary, Pontypridd c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

JONES
Frances Lynda (*née* Nelson)

Peacefully on 28th January at Marie Curie Hospice, Fran, much loved Mum of Gavin, Rhian and Gemma. Cherished Nanny to all her Grandchildren, loving cousin, (sister) to James and Julie.

Fran will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, 11th February at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Fran's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support Cancer Research Wales.

MERRICK
Margaret Eiluned (Lyn)

Died suddenly at home on 20th January, aged 76 years. Sadly missed by her husband Peter, fellow adventurer for 56 years, her beloved daughters Judith and Helen, son-in-law Phil, and sister Christine. Wonderful nana to her six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, 18th February at 3.15pm, followed by a celebration of her life at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, at the service to Hope Rescue.

NEWCOMBE
John Peter

Peacefully on 17th January 2020, aged 72 years. Devoted husband of Jayne, loving father of Elaine and Stephanie, adored grandfather of Harry, Seren and Ellis. John will be sadly missed by his sister Betty and all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in the Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, 13th February at 2pm, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only donation in lieu of flowers may be made at the service.

SIDEY
Michael Paul

Peacefully on Saturday, 18th January at the Princess of Wales, Hospital Bridgend. Paul of Porthcawl; beloved husband of Cynthia, much loved dad of Helen and Philip and a dearly loved grandpa, brother and uncle.

Paul will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service on Monday, 10th February at Margam Crematorium at 11am. Family flowers only please. There will be a collection following the service, with proceeds being divided between the Alzheimer's Society, RNLI & Men's Shed.

All enquiries to Richard Mustoe of Porthcawl Funeral Services, 75 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DH. Tel: 01656 783699.

CARTER
Richard Horace

Peacefully at home on 26th January with his devoted wife Jacqueline at his bedside, loving Dad of Judy, Julie, Joanne and Jonathan. Cherished Grandad to his 10 Grandchildren and one Great-Grandaughter.

Richard will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

The service to commemorate his life will be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, 11th February at 1pm.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Pancreatic Cancer UK, 3 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SP in memory of Richard.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service.

SULLIVAN
Winifred Rose

Very peacefully passed away on 27th January 2020 at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 84 years. Superb wife to husband Aubrey. Terrific mother to their four sons Seamus, Liam, Brendan and Colum and their wives/partners Sue, Lisa, Marjorie and Morna. Special grandmother to their eight grandchildren Judd, Kyra Rose, Finlay, Kyra Saffran, William, Michael, Murdo and Sorcha and great-grandmother to Isla.

Funeral service and cremation at 1.15pm on Wednesday, 19th February 2020 at Coychurch Crematorium, Coychurch, Bridgend. Resting at the private funeral home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon.

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Name of applicant: Mr Zahid Rasul and Mrs Saima Rasul

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DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 27th February 2020

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This week: Robert Downey Jr talks to the animals in the special effects-laden adventure *DOLITTLE*... mallet-wielding anti-heroine Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie) faces a merciless crime lord in the comic book caper *BIRDS OF PREY (AND THE FANTABULOUS EMANCIPATION OF ONE HARLEY QUINN)*... Kristen Stewart confronts unspeakable horrors beneath the waves in action thriller *UNDERWATER*... and a family of con artists infiltrate the home of an unsuspecting wealthy couple in Bong Joon-ho's Oscar-nominated thriller *PARASITE.*

FILM OF THE WEEK

PARASITE (15, 132 mins) Thriller/Comedy/Horror/Romance. Song Kang-ho, Chang Hyae-jin, Choi Woo-shik, Park So-dam, Lee Sun-kyun, Cho Yeo-jeong, Jeong Ji-so, Jung Hyeon-jun, Lee Jung-eun, Park Seo-joon. Director: Bong Joon-ho.

Released: February 7 (UK & Ireland, selected cinemas)

Writer-director Bong Joon-ho mines a mother lode of deliciously cruel intentions in his wickedly entertaining, genre-bending satire, which is certain to convert some of its six Oscar nominations into golden statuettes.

Careening wildly from slapstick and scabrous social commentary to full-blooded horror, *Parasite* gleefully inhabits the cavernous divide between South Korea's haves and have-nots.

The script, co-written by Han Jin-won, lulls us into a false sense of security with a gently paced yet engrossing opening hour before Joon-ho tightens the screws on his desperate characters, setting in motion a jaw-dropping second act that leaves our nerves in tatters.

The film-maker dissipates tension with staccato bursts of ghoulish humour but each belly laugh is soaked with bile – primal screams of despair at a world that repeatedly kicks the poor and disenfranchised when they are down.

"Money is an iron" notes a mother on the wrong side of the class divide, who asserts that wealth smooths out life's creases and would undoubtedly sweeten her malodorous disposition.

With Joon-ho at the helm, any barbs are positioned with surgical precision to draw spurts of blood as the besieged protagonists stagger forlornly towards the brink of self-destruction.

Wily patriarch Kim Ki-tek (Song Kang-ho) presides over a family of con artists, including his sharp-tongued wife Chung-sook (Chang Hyae-jin), mild-mannered son Ki-woo (Choi Woo-shik) and daughter Ki-jung (Park So-dam).

They live in a squalid basement apartment in a poor neighbourhood of Seoul with a prime view of drunken passers-by urinating in the street.

The resourceful clan exploit free Wi-Fi to secure thankless jobs such as folding cardboard pizza delivery boxes.

It's an unedifying hand-to-mouth existence.

Good fortune smiles unexpectedly on Ki-woo when good friend Min-hyuk (Park Seo-joon) recommends him as an English tutor for teenager Park Da-hae (Jeong Ji-so).

Ki-woo falsifies his qualifications to impress Da-hae's wealthy mother Yon-kyo (Cho Yeo-jeong) and father Dong-ik (Lee Sun-kyun).

Once he has earned the couple's misplaced trust, Ki-woo recommends a college friend called Jessica as an art therapist for Da-hae's younger brother, Da-song (Jung Hyeon-jun).

Sister Ki-jung arrives in the guise of Jessica and confidently passes off theories from the internet as her personal philosophy to unlock a child's potential.

Ki-tek and Chung-sook also seek positions under false pretences.

However, the simmering suspicions of fashionable housekeeper Mun-kwang (Lee Jung-eun) threaten to expose the ingenious deception.

Parasite is a lip-smacking delight, which divides our sympathy as moral compasses are wilfully ignored in pursuit of happiness.

The light, airy, modernist splendour of the Park family residence becomes increasingly claustrophobic as characters are enslaved to their materialistic desires.

Joon-ho retains masterful control over every element including the abrupt changes of tone in a gob-smacking second hour that proves home is where the heartbreak is.

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DOLITTLE (PG, 101 mins) Fantasy/Adventure/Comedy. Robert Downey Jr, Harry Collett, Antonio Banderas, Michael Sheen, Jim Broadbent, Carmel Laniado, Jessie Buckley, Kasia Smutniak and the voices of Tom Holland, Dame Emma Thompson, Rami Malek, John Cena, Kumail Nanjiani, Ralph Fiennes, Craig Robinson. Director: Stephen Gaghan.

Released: February 7 (UK & Ireland)

Robert Downey Jr talks to creatures great and small but fails to communicate effectively with fellow humans – including us – in a special effects-clogged odyssey inspired by Hugh Lofting's 1922 book *The Voyages Of Doctor Dolittle.*

Director Stephen Gaghan, who won an Academy Award almost 20 years ago for his adapted screenplay for the gritty thriller *Traffic*, searches in vain for animal magic as he shepherds a fitfully fantastical caper from the streets of Victorian London to far-flung island locales.

En route, Antonio Banderas buckles a swash as a salty seadog, who appears to have been shipwrecked from the *Pirates Of The Caribbean* franchise, and Michael Sheen barely registers as Dolittle's scheming rival, who is dismissed as a "chinless wonder" by the eponymous medic.

Downey Jr walks the same plank of intentional weirdness as Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow by adopting a strangulated Welsh accent, which varies in thickness from one scene to the next.

It's a perplexing creative choice by the – star with no dramatic payoff.

Humour misses the mark with alarming frequency and a climactic comic set-piece involves the doctor forcibly unclogging a creature's swollen bowels.

He inhales a gale-force blast of flatulence as a reward. Regrettably, it's not the only thing that stinks.

Following the death of his adventurer wife (Kasia Smutniak), gifted veterinarian Dr John Dolittle (Downey Jr) closes the doors to his animal hospital.

He becomes a recluse, surrounded by a menagerie of chums including bespectacled lurcher Jip (voiced by Tom Holland), wise macaw Polynesia (Dame Emma Thompson), self-doubting gorilla Chee-Chee (Rami Malek), polar bear Yoshi (John Cena) and ostrich Plimpton (Kumail Nanjiani).

The unexpected intrusion of a boy called Tommy Stubbins (Harry Collett) coincides with an urgent summons to Buckingham Palace.

Queen Victoria (Jessie Buckley) has been poisoned with a pernicious variety of nightshade and the only remedy is the fruit of the mythical Eden tree.

Dolittle and fledgling apprentice Tommy head to an isle of bandits and thieves ruled by King Rassouli (Banderas), with fierce rival Dr Blair Mudfly (Sheen) in hot pursuit.

Alas, an ill wind blows through the expedition and Dolittle fears his gallant efforts will be in vain.

"I can sniff defeat like a truffle pig," he snorts.

Dolittle does little to engage family audiences, interspersing a haphazard storyline with digitally rendered critters including a vengeful tiger (Ralph Fiennes) and paranoid squirrel (Craig Robinson).

Downey Jr doesn't lay claim to a single laugh in 101 minutes while Nanjiani fares slightly better as the self-loathing ostrich, who opines: "My father was right about me. He said I should have been an omelette."

Every time his flightless bird buries his head in the sand, we contemplate joining him.

:: NO SWEARING :: NO SEX :: VIOLENCE :: RATING: 4/10

UNDERWATER (15, 95 mins) Action/Sci-Fi/Horror/Thriller/Romance. Kristen Stewart, Vincent Cassell, TJ Miller, Jessica Henwick, John Gallagher Jr, Mamoudou Athie. Director: William Eubank.

Released: February 7 (UK & Ireland)

Seven miles beneath the surface of the Pacific Ocean, no-one can hear you scream.

Director William Eubank soaks up inspiration from the *Alien* franchise and *The Abyss* to plug holes in a water-logged sci-fi horror, which pits a small crew of hapless humans against gnarled creatures, which have been disturbed by our relentless plundering of the planet's resources.

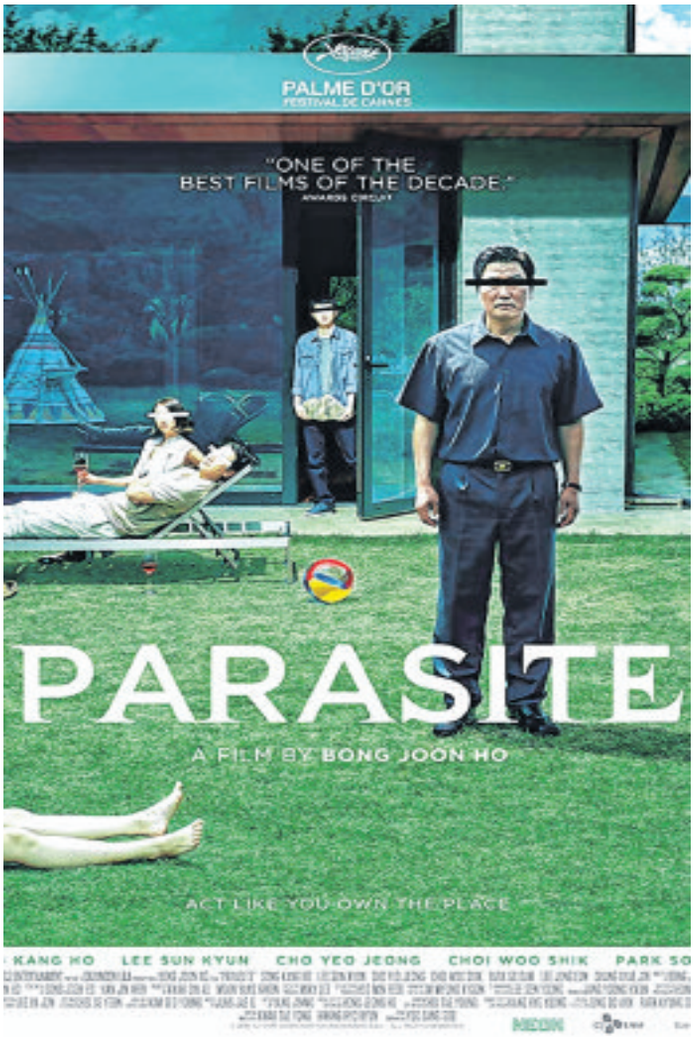
"We're not supposed to be down here," whispers one hastily sketched character, hammering home the message that Mother Nature has every right to retaliate against greedy intruders.

Those ominous words could apply to Eubank's pedestrian, derivative jaunt, which systemically feeds the cast to monstrosities that lurk in the dark until the most likely suspects take a courageous final stand.

Kristen Stewart's tormented heroine, who is scarred by a tragedy that parachutes abruptly into conversation in the final reel, is modelled heavily on Sigourney Weaver's Ripley, replete with breathless sprints down labyrinthine corridors in figure-hugging undergarments.

A couple of action sequences are rendered incomprehensible by the light-starved, sub-aquatic setting and, when characters abandon common sense to linger in a claustrophobic location or stray where they shouldn't, you can comfortably brace for a jump shock.

Nora Price (Stewart) is a Tian Industries mechanical engineer at the Kepler drilling station perched close to the crescent-shaped Mariana Trench.



A devastating tremor causes catastrophic failures to the station's integrity and most of the crew perish as the structure implodes.

Nora sprints to temporary safe haven with fellow engineer Rodrigo Nagenda (Mamoudou Athie) where she is reunited with Captain Lucien (Vincent Cassell) and three fellow survivors – research assistant Emily Haversham (Jessica Henwick), her sweetheart Liam Smith (John Gallagher Jr) and teddy bear-obsessed oaf Paul Abel (TJ Miller).

A detailed assessment of the station's functionality reveals that an energy core meltdown will decimate what remains of the Kepler facility.

Captain Lucien proposes a daring course of action: slip into pressurised body suits and undertake a perilous one-mile walk in the dark along the bottom of the ocean to neighbouring Roebuck Station.

In the inky void, the group encounter a small, deformed creature with taloned tentacles that appears to be feeding on bodies of co-workers.

"It's probably not a good time to ask but is that a baby?" quips Paul, pointing to the tiny creature as something larger and deadlier floats unseen a few metres away.

Underwater doesn't waste time treading aqua before Stewart and co-stars are soaked, bleeding and staring death in the face.

The script's hurried approach to storytelling gives us little time to contemplate minor crimes against logic or clunky dialogue.

The cast embrace the physical demands of their underwritten roles, while Miller makes the most of limited screen time as the designated comic relief.

A tepid romantic subplot is surplus to requirements and poses a moral dilemma that can only have one lacklustre outcome.

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*BIRDS OF PREY (AND THE FANTABULOUS EMANCIPATION OF ONE HARLEY QUINN (*15, 109 mins)

Released: February 7 (UK & Ireland)

Mallet-wielding former psychiatrist Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie) made a memorable appearance in the 2016 comic book romp *Suicide Squad* alongside her cackling partner in crime, The Joker.

The anti-heroine snags a spin-off film directed by Cathy Yan, based on a script by Christina Hodson.

Birds Of Prey (And The Fantabulous Emancipation Of One Harley Quinn) unfolds after Harley and The Joker have parted ways.

The mercenary hopes to turn around her life but old habits die hard and she falls into the clutches of sadistic gangster Roman Sionis (Ewan McGregor) and his henchman Victor Zsasz (Chris Messina).

Harley bargains her life in exchange for a precious diamond in the possession of orphan thief Cassandra Cain (Ella Jay Basco).

Roman grants her a few precious hours to retrieve the gem or suffer the grim consequences.

Bullets fly as Harley carries out her daring scheme, which positions her on collision courses with Gotham police detective Renee Montoya (Rosie Perez), vigilante Helena Bertinelli (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) and nightclub singer Dinah Lance (Jurnee Smollett-Bell).

Tony Yates takes the electrifying Kia e-Niro 64 kWh 'First Edition' on the road

AT the beginning of this year, I said I was going to be testing more EVs in 2020.

Thanks to Kia, I have now experienced my first electric vehicle in the form of the new Kia e-Niro 'First Edition'.

I was dead against testing any sort of EV, but after a week of living with the new e-Niro, I'm happy to report that's it's absolutely brilliant.

Power and efficiency: The e-Niro I tested was fitted with a permanent magnet AC synchronous type 64 kWh electric motor which develops 201bhp and 395Nm of torque which feels very lively and more than happy to be driven hard on the motorway or rumble around in urban towns or a large city.

Of course, it's an (EV), which means it goes like stink and the electric motor that propels you from zero to hero in no time at all is powered by a bank of batteries that are capable of storing a large amount of electricity.

As for the range, I'm happy to report that I travelled over 280 miles on one full charge.

When comes to performance, the e-Niro is more than capable of reaching 0-60 in just over 7.5 seconds and in no time at all, it will reach a top speed of 104 mph.

Not super fast, but the speed limits on the UK roads are only 70mph max, so that means there's plenty left in reserve for the overtaking manoeuvres you can make at every opportunity. On a standing start from the traffic lights, could could be performing a 'Santa Pod' style scenario with the car next to you.

Driving range: The Niro is pretty good on a full charge (280 miles). Get the e-Niro into city mode and that can increase by quite a lot. So as you can see from the figures here, it's pretty good. The battery capacity is 180Ah with 294 cells and a weight of 457(Kg)– rhis means nothing to me because I'm not a scientist, but to some of you, it probably means so much more.

On the road: There is extra weight that you need to factor in due to carrying many batteries, but to be honest, it felt just like any other crossover you care to mention and it felt better than the petrol version of the Niro out on the open road.

Design and technology: Kia gives you a lot for very little money, more than most actually. Some of the equipment on my test car in 'First Edition' trim included; 17" Alloy Wheels, 7" Supervision Cluster with TFT Colour Display, 8-speaker JBL® Premium Sound System, Smart Key and Button Start, Black Leather Upholstery, LED Headlights with Bi-Function Projection, 10.25" Touchscreen Satellite Navigation with European Mapping, Smart Cruise Control with Stop and Go, Lane Keep Assist with Driver Attention Warning and High Beam Assist, Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist and a whole load more features that makes the e-Niro stand out.

In summary: The e-Niro is one of the first EVs that I have tested – and I like it a lot. The Kia e-Niro is a no-fuss crossover that in essence is just a really good stylish vehicle for any family wishing to find a perfect partner in the green world we now all strive to live in. Five stars for Kia.

Price: £32,995 (as tested) after £3,500 government grant.

Barry victors over Llandaff in difficult conditions

THE Barrians entertained Llandaff on a foggy wintry afternoon at the Reservoir Field as they hoped to put last week's disappointing result behind them.

With conditions difficult for both sides and the official, it was no surprise that the early exchanges were littered with handling errors and a spate of scrums and penalties.

After a scoreless first quarter, it was the hosts who had the first score.

With the slope in their favour, the visitors finally got into gear and reduced the deficit by three with a successful penalty kick.

Llandaff launched further attacks on the Barry line and were eventually rewarded by an unconverted try out wide as the hosts ran out of defenders.

Undeterred, the Barrians halted their visitors' momentum, and had the upper hand for the rest of the half.

They regained the lead on the stroke of half time when Provis threw a long pass out to the left, and after smart exchanges between Jamie Leech and Wayne Jones the latter was on hand for his second score. Barry went into the interval 10-8 ahead.

The hosts took full advantage in the second half despite increasingly difficult conditions with the fog reducing visibility. Llandaff struggled with the pace and power of the Barrian backline, and following a fine break from Dave Provis, Rhys Knapman accelerated away to score under the posts. Jones added the extras.

The Barrians continue to dominate and following a clever kick to the corner to gain territory, Ashton Allen stole the resulting line out for his side's bonus-point score.

Jones missed the conversion from out wide but now the home side were in the driving seat for the game.

There was no let up for the visiting side and it was Allen again who powered over from close range, after territorial domination by the hosts.

The scoring was not over as more smart exchanges in midfield saw make-shift centre Owain Poole crossing for his side's sixth try.

Jones somehow missed from in front of the posts but the score was now 34-8. Llandaff did not give up and dominated the closing exchanges as they looked for a score of their own, but despite some good build-up play were thwarted by resolute Barrian defending, led by replacement flanker James Hadfield.

The final score was a reflection of the Barrians' dominance, especially in the second half. The green-and-whites will hope to carry this momentum for the rest of their league campaign.

Tries: W Jones (2), Allen (2), Poole, Knapman Cons: W Jones (2/5)

Team: W Jones, Leech, Provis, Knapman, Corson, Adams, Dimond, Haigh, Ashill, Hall, G Jones, Allen, Rolfe, Poole, Goodfellow. Replacements: Evans, Hadfield, Chow.

Final score: Barrians 34, Llandaff 8.

Winter golf at Brynhill

A BREAK in the weather last Sunday tempted 60 members onto the Brynhill Golf Club course for a winter singles competition.

The best numbers on the day were 39, shot by retired police officer Gareth Tinnuche with another former police officer, Chris Phillips, taking second place with 36 – the same score as Paul Clarke, but with a better back nine.

It is back to four ball better ball next week, so it's probably worth seeking a retired policeman as a partner, if you want to increase your chances of a podium finish.

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Barry and District Men's Skittles League

THE results of the Barry and District Men's Skittles League's recent Holme Towers Cup second round are:

Barry Park B beat Hairy Lemons; Mighty Dockers beat Merrymen; Bunker Boys beat Posties; Billy Whizz beat CUD; 49ers beat Willie Wombles; Sea View beat Colcot Boys; Blue Monkey beat Tynny Lads; Park Rangers beat Abercrete.

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

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Cavaliers' winter nets

WITH the festive season well and truly over, thoughts for all of us are turning towards the summer.

The Cavaliers cricket team will be focusing on the challenges that lie ahead against new opposition, following a successful promotion season. First team captain Gareth Toutt was looking to provide high quality winter net training in the best possible facilities to improve the current squad, while attracting new players to the club, and he secured Wales' Centre of Excellence for Cricket in Sophia Gardens. Sessions start on Sunday, February 9 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The club is actively looking to increase player numbers with a view to growing the opportunities to play cricket within this friendly local club. Anyone interested in 'giving it a go' should contact 07779 285997 or check out the Llantwit Major Cavaliers website.

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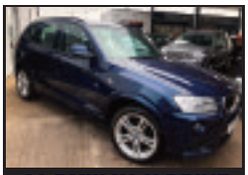

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On and Off the Turf with Brian Lee

TIM Vaughan's stable jockey Alan Johns has been in good form of late.

Last Wednesday, January 29 riding for Vic Dartnall, he won the handicap chase at Leicester on *Admiral's Secret* which had been runner-up in its two previous races. A 5-1 chance, *Admiral's Secret* won by two and three-quarter lengths from the top weighted *Catamaran Du Seuil*.

Then 24 hours later at Ffos Las in the Congratulations Evan Williams On 1,000th Winner Beginners Chase, and riding the nine-year-old *TheLigny* for Tim he got his mount home by half-a-length from *Jammy George*. *TheLigny* was returned at odds of 9-1.

Evan's Ffos Las double

Evan Williams, who recently saddled his 1,000th winner, took the last two races at Ffos Las on Thursday, January 30. His six-year-old *No Rematch* won the handicap hurdle by five lengths from *Call Me Sid* and his *MouseInTheHouse* won by six lengths from *Champion Chase*.

Both were partnered by Adam Wedge and both horses were returned the 7-2 joint-favourites.

Evan's *Sabbathical* was a 15-length winner of the handicap hurdle at Leicester the previous day under Adam Wedge, so Evan has made a good start to chalking up his next 1,000 winners.

Clerk of the Course at Ffos Las is former amateur rider Dai Jones but Dai's son Ben was in action at Wincanton where he won the bumper (National Hunt Flat Race) on the Emma Lavelle-trained *Runswick Way*.

The Llantwit Nippers do well in lifeguard competitions

THE Nipper Lifeguard competition calendar for 2020 began on February 1 with the SLSA Wales Nipper Still Waters at Swansea National Pool: Llantwit won the award for the earliest arrival, with the Bartlett-Jenkins clan claiming a spot for the team by the scoreboard by 7am!

The age 13 girls' 50m flipper race started the day and although the Llantwit competitors were placed well, it took until event 8 before they won any medals. Alfie Smith snatched a bronze medal in the age 10 boys' race and Tula Jennings a bronze in the age 8 girls' race, competing in her first Wales Still Water competition.

The manikin carry was the next event , when Emily McDonagh flew down the pool to grab gold in the age 12 girls' race. Josie Thomas followed with a gold in the age 11 girls' and Lilly Hewitt in the age 8 girls' race; also a gold in her first Wales Still Water competition. In the Rescue Tube Race Relay, where one competitor swims 25m then signals to their partner to come rescue them and tow them back, the competition was fierce with some fast times but Llantwit just couldn't get themselves medals. The age 8-10 boys' pairing of Alfie Smith and Twm Williams were unlucky to just miss out and were placed fourth overall.

The Medley Relay didn't produce any medals for Llantwit, and it was soon onto the Board Race events, where the competitors go down the pool on a rescue board. Times were fast and Rees Harris secured a bronze in the age 13 boys' event. Alfie Smith in the age 10 boys' not only got gold, but smashed the record, which had stood since 2016 ,with a time of 26.91s.

Board Rescue was next on the agenda and again, times were fast. The pairing of Martha Pegrum and Josie Thomas secured the silver medal in the girls' 11-13 race. In the age 13 boys' race, the pairing of Dylan Godsell and Rees Harris were rewarded in their last Wales Nipper Still Water competition with a bronze. The boys' ages 8-10 pairing of Alfie Smith and Olaf Szamocki won their heat and ended up with a bronze.

With weary parents and competitors, the final event of the day was the ages 8-13 board relay. The boys' team came third in a fast heat but just missed out on the medals, coming fourth overall.

The Llantwit team came out fourth out of 13 teams which was a fantastic achievement, given the size of the team. Congratulations to Rest Bay who came third, Sker and Pink Bay who came second and Pen y Bont who were the overall winners.

Many thanks to the SLSA Wales team for their organisation and smooth running of the day plus all the officials from the various clubs, without whom the event could not run.

The team now focus on the GB Still Waters being held at Cardiff Pool in March.

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Penarth's first under 7 girls' team

InterPenarth under 7s have made history this season, fielding the first all girl team in our leagues. They are a mixed league and welcome girls to participate. Well done, coach Ian Williams and the girls.

Barry Chess Club teams pull out of losing streak

THIS week, two Barry Chess Club teams that have been struggling were in action.

Could both of these teams turn around their fortunes?

Of course they could.

In division 2 the Camelots were at home to the Penarth Pirates and in division 3 the Gambits were away to the promotion-chasing Pontypridd Spartans.

The Camelots picked up their first win in five matches, with Steve Cunliffe, Tom and Mark Cooke all winning with Matthew Davies and Dave Parsons earning draws. Our victory by 4–1 means we remain in third place in the table.

Our position in the table looks better still as in fourth place the Caerphilly Castles could only pick up three points from their local derby against the bottom team Caerphilly Knights. We are only 1.5 points behind the table-topping North Cardiff Titans.

After a whitewash in their last game against the Quarks, the Gambits needed a result to ensure the relegation battle does not engulf us. Michael O'Leary took our solitary victory but draws for Peter Watkins, John Stephenson and Sam White ensured a draw.

The Gambits have played a game more than most but have 25 points from 11 games. We are in sixth place but 6.5 points above the relegation zone.

Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm most Mondays, excluding Bank Holidays, at the West End Club. St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first so that we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at *http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com*

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Barry and District Clubs league results

THE latest results from the Barry and District Clubs tables are:

Crib Divsion 1: Cup Semi-finals first leg; Romilly Railway 8, Rhoose Social 7; Cadoxton Cons 10, Liberals 5.

Skittles Division 1, Cup quarter-finals; Rhoose Social C beat Cambrian Flyers; West End D beat Liberals A; Allsorts beat West End C; Rhoosters beat Barry Town FC.

Snooker Division 1: West End C 4, Cadoxton Cons Z 1; Penarth Cons A 3, Rhoose Social C 2; Savoy B 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Liberators 1, Harbour B 4.

League points: West End C 61, Harbour B 57, Cadoxton Cons Z 55, Savoy B 55, Cadoxton Cons B 46, Penarth Cons A 44, Wyndham Cons A 38, Rhoose Social C 29, Penarth Cons B 25, Rhoose Social B 20, *Liberators 15.

Snooker Division 2: Services Social B 4, Sully Sports A 1; Market Street A 2, West End B 3; Harbour A 2, West End A 3; Wyndham Cons D 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Market Street C 4, Market Street B 1.

League points: Market Street C 58, Market Street A 51, Services Social B 51, Savoy C 49, West End A 43, Market Street B 42, Wyndham Cons D 41, Harbour A 38, West End B 32, Cadoxton Cons A 31, Sully Sports A 29.

* = Points deducted. View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Vale of Glamorgan Football League roundup

A FEW games fell foul of the weather this past Saturday, but one league game survived and several cup games.

Cwm Talwg are a team transformed and picked up a very impressive victory over Penarth Town B. Goals from Ethan Galsworthy, Sam Montgomery and Paul Eveleigh handed Talwg a 3-1 win and move them up to eighth.

In the ASRS Cup first round, holders AFC Rhoose advanced to the quarter finals after a hard earned win over Cowbridge Town. The game was locked at 2-2 at full time but Rhoose secured the win with three extra time goals to come out 5-2 victors.

St Athan are also into the hat for the quarter final as they edged Tynewydd 1-0 at the butts in an extremely tight contest. In the Supporters Cup favourites AFC Rhoose B eased into the last eight with a 7-1 thumping of Island Marine B.

BV came through 4-2 in a stern test against Holton Road B while Rhoose Social saw off Barry Athletic B in a seven goal thriller 4-3.

And finally, SP Billy continued their great start to 2020 with a 2-1 victory over Vale Madrid to go into the quarter finals.

Remarkable scoring in poor conditions at St Mary's GC

ST Mary's Golf Club senior section defied the grim weather forecast as 24 of their number teed off in an individual Stableford competition.

By popular choice, however, it was again decided to play the round over a shortened course of just 12 holes.

For once, the forecast was accurate and the players soldiered on through heavy showers of both rain and hail, interspersed with just an occasional, but welcome spell of sunshine.

With the soggy fairways allowing for almost no run on the ball, scoring conditions were far from ideal but, nevertheless, some excellent scores were returned.

Former captain, Hugh Williams, secured the victory with a remarkable 31 points, seven better than the nominal par of 24 for 12 holes. Gareth Thomas was runner-up just one point back on 30.

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Bridge clubs in the Vale

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ON January 2, 16 pairs: first Marian East and Rita Williams 61.36%; second David and Marion Stephenson 60.06%.

January 9, 18 pairs: first Dot Williams and Pam Hanmer 59.94%; second Marian East and Gill Wybrow 57.95%; third Eric and Anne Sparks 57.67%.

January 16, 16 pairs: first Judith and Colin Nunn 64.94%; second Allan Evans and Alan Beckwith 59.42%; third Helen Owen and Penny Jarvis 59.09%.

January 23, 17 pairs: first Sally Kennedy and Lyn Chamberlain 62.86%; second Wayne Stephens and Mary Wallis 61.43%; third John Lord and Jo Ilsley 60.71%.

January 30, 19 pairs Robert Brown Cup Competition: first Phil and Lou Edwards; second Julia Evans and Chris Impey 60.94%; third Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 59.90%.

Barrivale

RESULTS from January 28:

First, Mark Roderick and Mike Close 66.67%; second, Celia and Huw Thomas 61.51% and third, Peter Millar and Tim Barsby 60.12%. The handicap winners were Celia and Huw Thomas. To join us, call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening. Classes and assisted play at the Pioneer Hall Friday mornings at 10am -12.30pm.

Triple triumph for Sue at Dinas

THE latest results from Dinas Powis Golf Club Ladies Section are as follows:

On January 7, a nine-hole medal was played: First, Sue Bridle 45–9=36 nett; second, Rhian Thomas 54–17=37; third, Sue Edwards 58–17=41 nett.

On January 21, a nine-hole Stableford was played: First, Sue Bridle 16 points (on back six from second, Samantha Saunders); third, Angela Brown 15 points.

On January 28, a nine-hole Texas scramble was played: First Sue Bridle, Audrey Harwood and Sharon Jesson 42–6.83 =35.17 nett; second, Ann Mahenthiralingam, Angela Brown and Sue Edwards 43–6.16=36.84.

Despite the awful weather we have been so lucky to play our games this month and look forward to playing in better weather in the future.

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Stuttering Italians give Wales a comfortable start to the Six Nations Championship

FOR the new Welsh coach, Wayne Pivac, a game at home to Italy was always going to be a gentle introduction to the Six Nations, and a 42-0 win confirmed this.

You can never quarrel with a shut out, and it was achieved against an Italian side with threatening backs who, on the day, promised a lot more than they achieved.

Italy also put pressure on the Welsh scrum, a useful reality check for what lies ahead.

However, the 42-0 scoreline flattered Wales, and it's worth remembering that with five minutes to go, Wales were still chasing that bonus point fourth try.

Compared to the fierce commitment that marked the Ireland Scotland game an hour later. it was all a bit bloodless, with Wales having the game in their pocket after just 20 minutes.

Still, as the old saying goes, you can only beat what's in front of you, and Wales were cool, enterprising, and efficient, right from the word go. The first Welsh possession went through 13 phases, with scrum half Tomos Williams making the first of several breaks, and it ended with a penalty on the Italian 22, which Dan Biggar kicked.

Italy responded with their own 12-phase attack, which concluded with a clever inside pass that put left wing Mattia Bellini through, and it needed a fine tackle from Biggar to stop the attack.

Wales turned the ball over and cleared, and two minutes later they nearly scored a try. Johnny McNichol, making his debut on the right wing, kicked ahead, Leigh Halfpenny contested the ball and it broke to Tomos Williams who went over.

However, referee Luke Pierce asked the TMO to check, and it turned out that Halfpenny had nudged it forward.

Wales had to settle for another Biggar penalty a minute later. Soon after, a stray boot caught McNicholl in the face, forcing him to leave the field for a HIA, and Nick Tompkins came on to make his debut, slotting in at centre with George North moving to the right wing.

Italy were penalised in the Welsh half and Biggar sent a great kick deep into the 22. From the line out, Wales moved the ball left, and then right, and a try looked likely, but North was unable to hold onto a very fast pass from Williams.

Italy broke out, kicked ahead and Halfpenny returned the ball with a high kick. Tomos Williams regained the ball, kicked for the line but was over-hauled by the Italian defenders who touched down

However, referee Pearce had spotted a trip on Halfpenny, and Biggar made it three penalties out of three, this time from 45 metres, and it was 9-0.

Italy continued to look threatening, but their attackers were too often isolated from their support, and Wales were picking up penalties for holding on.

From one such penalty, Bigger kicked to the Italian 22 metre line. They say you can't score from first phase possession these days, but Wales did just that. They moved the ball left along the line, with no elaborate tricks, and Tompkins sent a perfect pass to Leigh Halfpenny, who fed Josh Adams, and he had too much power for the covering tacklers. Biggar's conversion missed by about a foot.

It was 20 minutes gone, 14-0, and supposedly too early to declare the game safe, but Italy looked beaten.

Their full back, Matteo Minozzi, seemed to sum up their problems. He's a real box of tricks, throwing side steps galore, but this was one of those days when, whenever he should have zigged, he zagged. There's something slightly dispiriting about watching an 11-stone back sidestep into a 17-stone forward.

Five minutes later, Adams scored his second try. A Welsh attack was halted near the Italian line, and Biggar called for a pass from Williams, and then improvised a quick between-the-legs pass to Adams, who nipped over. This time Biggar converted and it was 21-0.

Five minutes later, Tomos Williams had another chance to score, after he charged down a clearance kick. He was all alone with the line unprotected, but the ball bounced above his head and slipped from his grasp.

Just before half time, Italy had a good chance to get on the scoresheet, but Wales held a determined drive from a five-metre line out.

On the restart, Wales continued to have possession and chances, but they started to go astray. North had a chance to put Adams away, but threw a poor pass.

Italy put an attack together and won a penalty under the posts when the Welsh scrum collapsed. The Italian captain and hooker, Luca Bigi, opted for the scrum and called his pack together, giving detailed instructions for some move.

However, it came to nothing and Wales were able to clear, and that failure to put points on the board would cost Italy later – and give Josh Adams his hat-trick.

On 54 minutes, the substitutions started. Ross Moriarty came on at No 8 for Faletau, who had looked pretty sharp, and Tompkins came on again, this time replacing Hadleigh Parkes, who as always was a cool head in the Welsh backline.

Prop Rob Evans and lock Cory Hill came on too, replacing Wyn Jones and Jake Ball respectively, and it was Hill who made the next significant contribution, charging 30 metres before being tackled. Dan Biggar was in support and he fed Tompkins, who burst through a gap and then side-stepped the last defender to go over for his debut try close to the posts. Biggar converted and it was 28-0.

Rhys Webb replaced Tomos Williams at scrum half and Wales almost had another try two minutes later. From what looked like an Italian mistake, knocking the ball backwards, Halfpenny fed Webb, who made the break, and then Tompkins gave another textbook demonstration of centre play, drawing his man and putting North in.

However, the TMO detected a Welsh hand touching it forward and the score was ruled out. Tompkins' excellent contribution will give Pivac something to ponder, though, making it far more likely that North will be moved back to contest the right wing spot with McNicholl.

It was about this time that the need for that bonus point try started to get more pressing, and Wales eventually managed it with five minutes to go. Wales won a line out on the Italian 22, and a series of forward charges took them close to the line.

At this point, to be honest, Rhys Webb and George North messed it up, with the scrum half's pass going behind North, so that he was static and facing the wrong direction, even though he was only three yards out. However, Alun Wyn Jones was losing patience and grabbed North and drove him to the line, giving him the chance to touch down.

By now, Jarrod Evans had replaced Biggar, so it was Halfpenny who kicked the conversion for 35-0, and that really should have been it.

Justin Tipuric was announced as the man of the match – well deserved – and Italy had possession close to their own line, with the clock in the red zone.

However, that failure to put points on the board meant that they launched a monumentally risky counter attack and, when they lost possession, Josh Adams, as any great winger is, was still hungry and he burst onto a short pass and was over. A third try for him, a second conversion for Halfpenny, and a final scoreline of 42-0.

Wayne Pivac will surely be a contented man, but his team will have taken note of the intensity that Ireland and Scotland brought to the game. From the Welsh point of view, the concussion protocols will presumably mean that Ireland's highly rated No 8, Caelan Doris, will be unavailable for next Saturday in Dublin.

It's stating the obvious, but we will all have a better idea of where Wales are next week when the final whistle blows at the Aviva Stadium.

Philip Irwin

Barry Town shock rivals with signing of Welsh international

BARRY Town United were the talk of Welsh football this week, after the Jenner Park club announced the surprise signing of Wales international midfielder David Cotterill.

The 32-year old, pictured above with Gavin Chesterfield, who was part of Chris Coleman's Euro 2016 squad, was unveiled on Thursday evening and is poised to go straight into Gavin Chesterfield's plans for this Saturday's JD Cymru Premier Phase Two opener, with the team at home to Connah's Quay Nomads (2.30pm kick-off).

After making 18 English Premier League appearances for Wigan Athletic (with the Latics paying £2,000,000 to bring him from Bristol City as an 18-year old), Cotterill racked up a further 270 in the Championship and 106 more in League One, turning out for the likes of Swansea City, Portsmouth, Barnsley, Doncaster Rovers and Birmingham City.

Debuting for John Toshack's Wales against Azerbaijan in October 2005, Cardiff-born Cotterill made his international bow as a substitute for the current national team boss Ryan Giggs and was capped at senior level some 24 times in total, including appearances against Brazil and Germany.

Cotterill's last Wales cap came in the 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifying Round draw with Georgia at the Cardiff City Stadium.

Speaking on Thursday, Barry manager Gavin Chesterfield said: "I'm delighted to welcome David to the club. It's a boost for all involved with our football club and supporters of Welsh football. This has been something we have talked about for a while but the timing now seems right.

"At only 32 years old, David has a lot to offer on the field and in the changing room. He has shown a desire to be a part of our club and play with (cousin and Barry captain) Jordan. David started his football at Barry Bluebirds at the age of six and it is great to welcome him back to Barry."

With news of Cotterill's signing setting social media alight, the club hopes that a bumper crowd will be at Jenner Park to greet him this Saturday, in spite of the competition of televised Six Nations rugby.

Commenting on his Twitter platform, Welsh football historian and author Phil Stead remarked: "There's a case to argue that David Cotterill is the Cymru League's biggest name signing ever".

As it turned out, Cotterill was not the only one with family ties to arrive at Jenner Park last week, with Kyle Patten leaving Merthyr to join his brother Robbie in Chesterfield's squad for Phase Two.

The Barry manager has touted the 25-year old as "a versatile player who can play in both defence and midfield, with a good pedigree and background both with Cardiff City and Newport County".

Meanwhile, the club has confirmed a handful of first team departures, with 19-year old goalkeeper George Ratcliffe returning to parent club Cardiff City for rehab after his upcoming knee surgery and maverick goalscorer Jonathan Hood emigrating to Australia, having made 55 appearances for Barry.

Hood scored 16 times in an eventful two-year stay at Jenner Park, including an unforgettable free kick in the depths of stoppage time to secure a dramatic 2-2 draw away to The New Saints.

Finally, there was plenty of cup success to celebrate at Jenner Park on Sunday afternoon, as Barry Town sides advanced in the Welsh Women's League Cup and the Welsh Youth Cup competitions.

By beating Airbus 3-1, the Barry development squad will now face TNS in the Welsh Youth Cup semi-final on neutral ground in March, the winners advancing to a final against either Newtown or Chirk.

Meanwhile, the ladies progressed to the last four of their tournament with a 4-1 victory over Cascade, with Penybont and Merthyr among the potential opponents at the semi-final stage.

Report by Ashley Cox

Friday frustration for Barry

THERE was disappointment for Barry in their rescheduled League fixture against Rhiwbina last Friday evening, when after leading 10–0 at the interval, they fell to 19–13 defeat although the result gave them a vital bonus point.

Their next League fixture is away at St Josephs on Saturday, February 15, kick off at 2.30pm.

This Saturday, the Youth will play Llandaff at home, kick off at 12 noon .

The lottery rolls over to £1,350 this week after last week's numbers 09 - 11 - 14 and 20, failed to find a winner, one ticket matched three numbers to win £10.